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Athletic director shares update with committee

By **LIZZY HILL**
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Athletic director Dennis Ingram delivered an update on athletics for the School Committee at their most recent meeting including recognition of student achievement and spring sports results.

Ingram shared some of the photos and images posted on social media from the photography of Shivam Purohit (and a few other students). He said that Purohit contributed to athletics without playing on any team, and his impact led to recognition at several team banquets and senior nights. He also mentioned that Purohit completed his senior exploration project in photography with the athletic department.

Some of the student

achievements in sports that he highlighted were tenth grader Savannah Beatrice's second win of Middlesex League Most Valuable Player in girls' tennis; two 100-point lacrosse scorers in 11th graders Colin Allard and Leah Murphy; and senior Ayden Balter completing 200 career strikeouts.

School Committee member Stephen Turner commented that Purohit had created a program that would be carried forward, which he said was impressive while also bringing good publicity to high school athletics. He also celebrated the student athletes and said their efforts on the field and court were phenomenal.

Dr. Jenn Bryson said that Purohit's photography is the envy of other towns and it was exciting

to see it continue to grow. She shared excitement for what the future held for all the students present.

Chair Jesse Fennelly stated that these students made an impact whether they were participating in sports on the team or in another way.

For the spring roundup, Ingram stated that boys track and field placed fourth in the Middlesex League and girls track and field also placed fourth. The baseball team placed fifth in the league and 56th in division three, and softball third in the league and 30th in division three. The softball team advanced in the state tournament but lost in the second game there.

Boys lacrosse placed third in the league and 36th in division three, while girls lacrosse placed

fourth in the league and 30th in division three. Ingram pointed out that the girls' lacrosse team made a huge improvement to win eight games this year compared to just three last year.

In tennis, the girls' team placed fourth in the league and seventh in division three, while the boys placed fourth in the league and 28th in division three.

Ingram also mentioned the unified basketball team participated at their Hoop-a-palooza event with catering and a DJ. They also recently held their awards and scholarship night, where over \$56,000 of awards and scholarships were given out to students, and Jill Collins and Ashvin Baker had won the Gerald Fagan Award.

Lastly, Ingram looked forward to the summer

clinics which would be run by Ed Harrison and Jeff Covelluzzi in addition to other high school coaches and student athletes. These would also feature lunch and a trainer on site at the middle school mainly, with some weeks at the high school.

They also had a fall sports night coming up on Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. in the WHS auditorium. Ingram also called attention to the Wilmington Wildcats app which now had almost 1,300 downloads.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked for an update specifically about summer registration numbers. Ingram answered that this was the earliest they opened registration and numbers were similar to that of last year, with the exclusion of track sign-ups as they couldn't use the track this year.

Mercaldi also wondered if he had plans to bring athletics more to the middle school. Ingram replied that he was continuously talking to Middle School Principal Brian Cairra about it, as to play in high school sports they would need waivers to be approved by the league and to have extra space necessitating more students.

One of the sports currently approved for 8th graders Ingram named was lacrosse.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand established that having standalone middle school sports teams would be something else entirely from bringing 8th grade students into high school teams. He mentioned that some nearby districts do offer sports

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School Committee receives cell phone update

By **LIZZY HILL**
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WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, June 11, the School Committee recognized this year's retirees and student representative; approved handbooks and receipt of grants; and received updates on the bullying plan, summer enrichment program, and student cell phone use.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand announced that this year's retirees held collectively 337 years of service to the students and community of Wilmington. He announced the names of each staff member and teacher retiring: Laura Stinson, Woburn Street phys ed teacher; Lori Trites, West Intermediate School nurse; Diane Flaherty, Shawsheen grade 3 teacher; Irene Kennedy, WMS food service; Janice Bacon-Zega, WMS school nurse; Lori Leon, Wildwood PreK inclusion ed assistant; Maureen Beraldi, NIS Food Service Manager; Lynne Butterfield, NIS Special Ed teacher; Patricia Boggia, CARES Program Coordinator; Sharon Elder, Woburn Street Ed Assistant; Rosemary Tremblay, Shawsheen reading specialist; Annette Bush, grade 6 Special Ed teacher; Joan Parisi, Boutwell Ed Assistant; and Ann Coates, district transportation minivan driver.

Brand wished all of these staff members the best and extended thanks on behalf of the district for their years of service and hard work.

Chair Jesse Fennelly commented to congratulate the retirees.

Fennelly also shared recognition and appreciation for the committee's Wilmington High School

Student Representative Shubhangi. Tripathi. He said that Tripathi had been an incredible addition and provided a tremendous amount of student insight at their meetings this year. He presented a certificate and a gift from the committee and wished her well at University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall.

The updated middle and high school handbooks came up for a second reading that night. Stephen Turner requested that their feedback from the previous meeting about reorganizing certain sections be taken into account for the middle school handbook.

For the high school handbook, they wanted to see one table be replaced with 2026 information and the cell phone policy be added. They conditionally approved the handbooks with these updates in mind.

The committee then voted to receive \$10,521.87 from the Wilmington Educational Foundation. Turner highlighted the work of WEF and WEF member Dr. Leslie Quick.

Brand presented the 2025 graduates in Celebrate the Good, which highlights the senior's plans after graduation. He mentioned that five graduating seniors are going to play a college sport. There were 49 students who received bi-literacy awards. Nearly 85% of the graduating class was college-bound in the fall.

They had been accepted to 160 schools and committed to 53, which Brand said were a wide array of excellent institutions. The paper also noted five students studying to become teachers and educators, two students enlisting in the armed forces, and 11 planning to enter trade industries.

Later, Brand described a memo in the packet with results from a recent review of the bullying prevention and intervention plan. Interim Coordinator of Behavioral Health & Social Emotional Support

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School Committee hears Youth Risk Behavior Survey update from Wellness Advisory Committee

By **LIZZY HILL**
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WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, June 11, the School Committee received a recommendation from the Wellness Advisory Committee on the path forward for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand provided that this had been a source of discussion a few meetings back on the committee's agenda, and at that time they asked the Wellness

Advisory Committee to discuss and bring back a recommendation.

He mentioned that he attended their discussion as well, where they discussed survey logistics, changes to the health and education curriculum, the opt-out process, and the definition of sexual intercourse from the survey.

Brand stated that the Wellness committee recommended resuming the survey this fall, and the consultant, JSI, confirmed that Wilmington's re-

sults could still be included in the 2025 data.

Nicholas Golden asked if they wanted to use the whole 2023 survey or just the sexual health section in question of the 2023 survey with the definition of intercourse. Interim Coordinator of Behavioral Health & Social Emotional Support Erin Dunham clarified that it would just be the sexual behavior section from the 2023 survey.

Coordinator of Health Services Becky Brown explained that this deci-

sion was reached through discussion with the committee and the comments of the Health and Physical Education curriculum team lead. Brown also mentioned that they realized they needed time to rollout the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education curriculum framework that would introduce inclusive definitions they felt were ahead of the current standards.

Golden added that what

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Massachusetts Association of School Committees chosen to lead superintendent search

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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington School Committee debated and ultimately came to a unanimous vote for a search firm to use for the permanent superintendent search at their June 11 meeting. The search would begin this fall for the replacement of departing Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand.

Chair Jesse Fennelly reminded the committee that they received pre-

sentations and information from three search firms from which they would select one to lead Wilmington's search for a new permanent superintendent: Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates (HYA); the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC); and the New England School Development Council (NESDEC). Fennelly invited the committee members to make a motion and then discuss before they ultimately vote on the finalist.

Dr. Jenn Bryson established that each firm had different costs proposed: \$11,500 for MASC; \$16,000 for NESDEC, and \$33,000 for HYA.

Fennelly provided that NESDEC completed the district's recent interim superintendent search. Bryson added that they were the consulting firm that found Brand for Wilmington in the first place.

Stephen Turner asked if there were concerns with any of the proposed costs for the services. Director

of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero explained that this search didn't have any budget, as the budget had been prepared months before Brand's departure was announced.

Turner stated his opinion that he saw MASC as their best offer. He proposed that HYA should have lowered their proposal considering they hadn't done any searches in Massachusetts yet and in his mind the commit-

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School Committee celebrates Dr. Glenn Brand

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WILMINGTON — The School Committee prepared a short version of an evaluation for Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand on June 11 before they celebrated him with kind words.

Chair Jesse Fennelly recalled that Brand provided an update on his progress toward the superintendent goals at their prior meeting. He established that the committee created an abridged version of the superintendent evaluation with

their collective comments and feedback. He summarized their combined notes by saying that the committee gave Brand high marks.

Fennelly read from one of the comments which stated, "Brand has demonstrated exceptional leadership by balancing priorities and fostering relationships... amidst challenges, he remained a steady and optimistic presence."

The committee members said Brand was an exemplary leader and that he would be deeply missed.

David Ragsdale then announced the ratings for each goal: "met" for the district communications process, "met" in building safety, "exceeded" for the goal of school improvement, and "met" in student learning at the middle school.

These overall related to a proficient evaluation, which Ragsdale clarified is higher than the expected standard of excellent.

Fennelly mentioned Brand's departure earlier in the meeting, where he spoke to Brand leading the district through a worldwide pandemic and

several strategic plans. He wished Brand luck in his next role.

Town Manager Eric Slagle spoke up to say he had a heavy heart over Brand leaving, and that the town had been lucky to have him.

"It's clear that he cares very deeply about his charge, students, families, and the district as a whole," he continued. "I've seen lots of districts run in different ways. I haven't seen one that works quite as well as the one Brand has set up

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Wilmington Library News:

Family movie afternoon on Thursday, July 3 at 3 p.m.

Library Closure
Wilmington Memorial Library will be closed Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, July 1, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, July 2, 2 p.m.
Thursday, July 3, 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 5, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, June 30, 6-8 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Slice and Dice — A Pizza and Table Top Game Night
Tuesday, July 1, 6-8 p.m.
Join Librarians Mary and Marie for Slice & Dice, our monthly pizza and table top game night for adults. Each month, we'll kick off with a featured game, followed by open play where you can explore our game library or bring your own favorites to share with the group!

Puzzle Race!
Thursday, July 3, 6-8 p.m.
Put your team's puzzling skills to the test as you race to complete a 500-piece puzzle in 90 minutes! The first team to complete a 500-piece puzzle will take home all the glory (and a prize). All Ages.

Self-Serve Lemonade Bar
Saturday, July 5, 11 a.m.
Summer is underway! Stop in for a glass of lemonade with some tasty mix-in and syrup options. Pairs well with a beach read! While supplies last.

Youth Programs

Retro Family Gaming Night with One Up Games
Monday, June 30, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
One Up Games is bringing a walkable, playable museum to our library! Players will learn about the history of gaming. From old to new, check out gaming consoles throughout history and even try the consoles for yourself! All Ages



▲ Join us for a showing of The Super Mario Bros. Movie on Thursday, July 3 at 3 p.m.! Wear your pjs and bring something comfy to sit on for a fun movie and popcorn! (Courtesy photo)

Outdoor Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, July 1, 10 a.m.
Storytime has moved outside for the summer! Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for ages 3-6. Ages 3-6

Mindful Movement
Tuesday, July 1, 4 p.m.
Join library pals as we flow through children's yoga poses, mindful movements, and read some books to help us grow in mindfulness and peace. Grades K-2

Dnd 101 For Teens
Tuesday, July 1, 6 p.m.
New players who wish to join our library campaign (or who just want to learn about the world's most popular roleplaying game) should attend our 101 sessions, held monthly. Grades 6-12

Outdoor Time for Twos
Wednesday, July 2, 10 a.m.
Storytime has moved outside for the summer! Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2. Age 2

Book Making Club for Grades 1-3
Wednesday, July 2, 4 p.m.
Over a 6-part weekly series, young book makers will explore different styles, mediums and book types for developing characters, narrative voice, plot and more! Grades 1-3

Tie Dye
Wednesday, July 2, 6 p.m.
Bring a piece of clothing or fabric to tie dye at the library! This fun family tradition is back again! This year, bring something white — a shirt, socks, a hand towel, a headband — and tie dye with us on the front lawn of the library! All Ages

Outdoor Baby Time
Thursday, July 3, 10 a.m.
Storytime has moved outside for the summer! Baby Time includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Family Movie: The Super Mario Bros. Movie
Thursday, July 3, 3-5 p.m.
Wear your pjs and bring something comfy to sit on for this special library event! Watch a movie and enjoy delicious popcorn! All ages

Pokémon Card Trading
Saturday, July 5, 10 a.m.
Come by the library to trade cards! This event will focus on Pokémon trading cards, but attendees can

bring any cards they wish to trade. Grades K-5, siblings welcome.

Additional Information

WML's Summer Reading is Back!
The Summer Reading Program is here! Register and log your reading online at wilmingtonlibrary.beanstack.org or grab a paper log at the library. Throughout the summer you can collect prizes and raffle tickets by reading and completing activities. This year's theme is Level Up at Your Library, running from June 23rd to August 13th.

Save the Date: Author Talk with Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Join author Jarrett J. Krosoczka on July 22 at 6 p.m., as he shares his popular books, including kid's graphic novel series, Lunch Lady and teen graphic memoir, Hey, Kiddo, with a live drawing demo, Q&A, book signing, and meet-and-greet. This event is for all ages and will be held at

the Wilmington Senior Center.

Cuts to Statewide Databases

Beginning July 1, 2025, Massachusetts residents will experience significant reductions in access to statewide research databases due to the elimination of federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), following Executive Order 14233. While the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), Massachusetts Library System (MLS), and Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC) are striving to preserve key services, including support for eBooks and the Commonwealth Catalog, many valuable resources will no longer be available.

IMLS provides grants to libraries of all 50 states to support the work of all types of libraries in the U.S. In Massachusetts, the MBLC administers federal grant funding to libraries around the state for many projects, including

statewide research databases. As a result of the cuts, MBLC has lost over \$3 million dollars of federal funding for fiscal year 2026. For more information about the MBLC's funding cuts please visit: <https://wilmingtonlibrary.org/econtent/research/>.

The staff at the Wilmington Memorial Library apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this change may cause. The following statewide databases will no longer be available: Boston Globe Article Archive (1980-present), Britannica Moderna, Gale Academic OneFile Select, Gale General OneFile, Gale Health and Wellness, Gale in Context: Biography, Gale in Context: Elementary, Gale in Context: Environmental Studies, Gale in Context: Global Issues, Gale in Context: Middle School, Gale in Context: Science, Gale in Context: US History, Gale in Context: World History, Gale Interactive Science, Gale LegalForms, Gale Literature Resource Center, HeritageQuest Online, Peterson's Career Prep, Peterson's Test Prep, Science Database (Pro Quest), and Transparent Language Online.

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at the middle school level. However, he also pointed out that they were limited in terms of middle school field space. Mercaldi lastly asked how the committee could assist athletics in terms of budgeting. Ingram spoke to the process of reviewing sports offered in nearby districts to see if they have appropriate facilities and if any sports should be added. He also

Hall of Fame coming

suggested that converting the baseball/softball field into turf could make it multi-purpose for more use by other sports. Stephen Turner asked if the current co-op programs would be continued, which Ingram confirmed. He said they weren't adding any new programs at this time. Brand added a quick update about the Hall of

Fame, that the project was ready to begin so long as the committee approved. Turner wondered if there would be excessive noise due to construction during the summer enrichment program. Ingram said that they didn't expect any issues in this regard. Turner also noted that the School Committee

may become responsible for maintenance of the Hall of Fame if the HOF committee is ever dissolved. Bryson asked if Ingram was happy with the final proposed look of the Hall of Fame, and he answered in the affirmative. Therefore, the committee voted to give permission for the installment of the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Wall.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

It's official! WCTV Youth program presents: Movie Premiere of Guy Guy 4-Cereal Killers
Come and see the amazing work of our talented students in an actual movie theatre! This event will be held Sunday, July 28, 2025 at the Arlington Capitol Theater, 204 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02474. The event begins at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.).

This incredible, feature-length drama and major undertaking is the culmination of two years of work by some of our students. Scenes were shot in

Wilmington, Lowell, Worcester and Boston! To purchase tickets or for more information go to our website: wctv.org for purchase details or email us at: info@wctv.org. Show your support for WCTV and our creative students!

SUMMER YOUTH MEDIA WEEK!

Calling all kids grades 3-6. WCTV is running an amazing summer program geared specifically for students entering grades 3-6. This fun, educational program will run Monday July 28 through Friday Aug. 1. The program meets 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily and pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. Students will have the opportunity to use WCTV's state-of-the-art equipment, including mirrorless cameras, wireless microphones, and professional lighting. They'll get a tutorial on our drone, work with our green screen, and get hands-on time in both our main studio set and our brand-new, state-of-the-art video podcast studio. This program is where creativity meets camera — a space where students get the gear, the green light, and the guid-

ance to make something truly their own. For more information and to register go to: WCTV.org/summer25.

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Identify filing status: A taxpayer's filing status determines their filing requirements, standard deduction, eligibility for certain credits and the correct amount of tax they should pay. If more than one filing status applies to a taxpayer, they can get help choosing the best one for their tax situation with the IRS's Interactive Tax Assistant, What Is My Filing Status. Changes in family life — marriage, divorce, birth and death — may affect a person's tax situation, including their filing status and eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions.

Check withholding: Since federal taxes operate on a pay-as-you-go basis, taxpayers need to pay most of their tax as they earn income. Taxpayers should check that they're withholding enough from their pay to cover their taxes owed, especially if their personal or financial situations change during the year. To check withholding, taxpayers can use the IRS Withholding Estimator. If they want to change their tax withholding, taxpayers should provide their employer with an updated Form W-4.

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Explore Boston by Foot this summer

By **HEATHER BURNS**
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In recent months, many have become disillusioned with the core values of our country and of the hard divide within our nation.

As we approach the 249th birthday of our great nation, it is the perfect time to reconnect with our country's roots and become reunited with our historic beginnings.

Luckily for New Englanders, the history of our nation all started right here in the City of Boston.

Although many may be familiar with most or part of Boston's many historic landmarks along the Freedom Trail, summertime is the perfect time for a refresher of early American history and to experience first hand Boston's part in the American Revolution by taking one of the many historic tours offered by Boston by Foot.

Boston by Foot tours are guided walking tours of the most historically significant parts of the city, each tour specializing in its own unique topic.

For the beginner, consider walking "The Heart of the Freedom Trail." This 60 minute tour by foot is a perfect introduction for those unfamiliar with Boston's Revolutionary era history.

Visitors will experience stories about the events that took place during the pivotal time of the Revolution-

ary War while stopping at such landmarks as the Old State House, Kings Chapel and the Old South Meeting House.

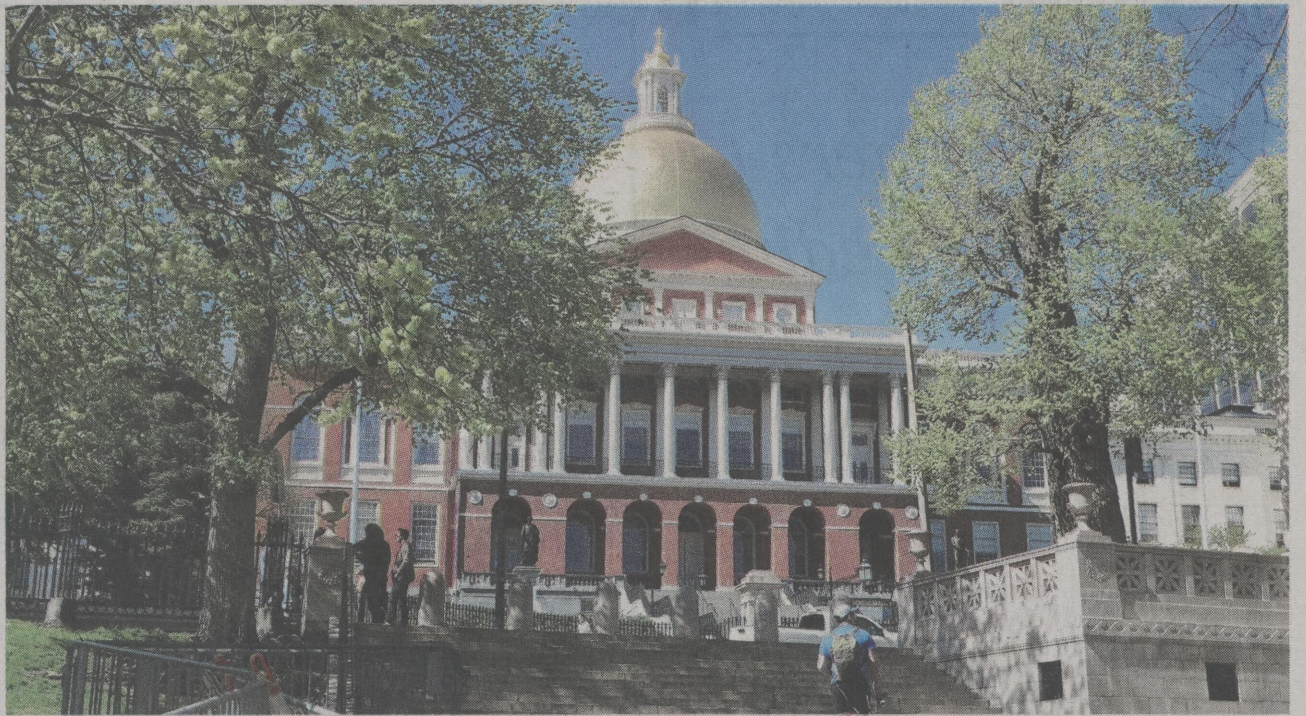
The avid history buff will enjoy the "Road to Revolution" tour. This is a more in-depth look at Boston's role in the Revolutionary War, lasting 120 minutes and covering approximately 1.27 miles of the city.

Tour guides will fill you in on lesser known details of the events that lead up to the Revolutionary War while you stop at such landmarks as the Old North Church, Paul Revere's home, and the site of the Boston Massacre.

There are also tours available specifically for children and families, including "Boston by Little Feet," designed specifically for younger children with inquisitive minds. This tour is only an hour long and promises plenty of interactive experiences while visiting some of Boston's most historic landmarks.

Families will also enjoy "Johnny Tremain's Boston," which relives the tale of Esther Forbes' prize winning novel Johnny Tremain, based on a young boy coming of age in colonial Boston during the events that lead up to the Revolutionary War.

For those looking for a fun and meaningful way to celebrate the 4th of July, experience the ultimate celebration in Revolution-



ary American history with the special "Footloose on the Freedom Trail" tour.

This 180 minute "star spangled banner" walking tour is offered only on Friday, July 4 in celebration of our nation's birth.

Follow tour guides from the Massachusetts State House on a 2.5 mile walk to 16 historical sites, ending at the U.S.S. Constitution, located in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

During this tour, tour guides will tell the story of our nation's independence, and include personal details of the thoughts and actions of some of Boston's biggest players of the Revolutionary era.

If you haven't quite found your fill of Revolutionary Boston walking tours, con-

sider a deep dive into the public and private lives of John and Abigail Adams on the "Adams Family in Boston" tour, and learn the impact the Adams family had on our nation.

Boston by Foot also offers multiple Beacon Hill themed tours that cover the architectural beauty and historical significance of this famous neighborhood.

These tours cover such topics as the North Slope of Beacon Hill, Notable Women of Beacon Hill, and Jewish Beacon Hill, just to name a few.

Each tour offered by Boston by Foot is rated from 0-15 on terrain difficulty and distance so you can easily pick a tour that matches your physical capabilities.

Private tours can also be arranged for large family groups, school and organization groups, or for those who wish to bring along a leashed pet or would like a more personalized experience.

Tours run multiple times during the day, and are available everyday during the nice weather seasons, with the exception of a few holiday observances.

Tours are also given rain or shine, so you should dress for comfort according to the weather.

The "Footloose on the Freedom Trail" 4th of July Celebration starts at 9:30 a.m., but tends to fill quickly. Advanced online reservations are recommended for all tours, especially the 4th of July tours.

This summer, take a trip back in time to remind yourself of an era when all Americans were united in the fight for liberty and independence for our country.

Revisiting these historical lessons while on a pleasurable walk through the city will not only be good for your body, mind and soul, but may give you a new appreciation for our historically rich City of Boston, and the sacrifices that those before us have made to preserve the freedoms many of us take for granted today, and could be in jeopardy of losing for tomorrow.

For a full list and schedule of Boston by Foot tours, and to make a reservation online, visit www.bostonbyfoot.org.

By **ROSALYN IMPINK**
News Correspondent

A longtime favorite New England destination, Old Sturbridge Village is a delightful day trip to the past. Since 1946, generations of visitors have come to the living history museum to understand what life was like nearly 200 years ago.

Just an hour away, the museum is not technically a real village that existed in Sturbridge, but instead a collection of more than 40 authentic restored structures relocated from around New England, depicting what a town looked like in

the early 19th century.

A central meetinghouse, law office, country store, bank, mill, farm, and schoolhouse, as well as residences of varying sizes, are open for visitors to explore and enjoy historical demonstrations of daily activities.

The museum strives to be as accurate as possible, and tiny details — from block-printed wallpaper to delicate ornaments — carry visitors back in time. There's something for ev-

eryone at OSV.

From an early New England clock collection, textile production, to eyeglass manufacturing and a medicinal herb garden. Many of the artifacts on display are from the collection of A.B Wells, an industrialist from Southbridge, Massachusetts who, along with his brothers, purchased a farm and created the living history museum.

The museum is great for kids, delivering history in short bursts with family-

focused interpretation, open space to explore, and games and toys that children in the 1830s enjoyed.

Heritage animals are a feature of the property, with sheep, horses, cows, and hens taking their place in New England rural society, much to the delight of young visitors. We saw a new calf on the day we visited, and longhorn cattle off in the field.

Knowledgeable interpreters work and walk throughout the village, demonstrating crafts and conducting chores accurate to the times, all while wearing period clothing. Some interpreters are permanent staff, while others are volunteers, interns or fellows.

The interpreters do not portray specific characters and are able to help visitors compare and contrast 19th-century living

with the modern day.

It's a treat to get a first-hand look at the work that went into keeping a small New England town running. Visitors are encouraged to get up close as craftspeople show off their skills in carpentry, pottery, millinery, shoe- and barrel-making, and dairy processing.

The blacksmith's forge, printing press and sawmill are not to be missed. Visitors learn how residents of small communities were able to trade goods and skills amongst themselves in a self-sustaining economy.

Authentic to the period, the guides work in all weather with no air conditioning, often in front of hot fires — inspiring an appreciation for modern conveniences. Many of the beautiful handmade goods are

available to take home as souvenirs in the gift shop.

Old Sturbridge Village offers a series of signature events throughout the year that give visitors a deeper look into history; the museum's recent Juneteenth celebration featured performances by a gospel choir, historical talks on abolition, readings of the works of Frederick Douglass, and African drumming to commemorate the end of slavery 160 years ago.

Other popular programs include Phantoms by Firelight, Christmas by Candlelight, and Redcoats and Rebels. Ongoing through the end of September this year is the Cow Parade; more than two dozen life-sized cow sculptures decorated by New England artists.

Be sure to visit Chip at the Scoop Shop, designed and painted by Tewksbury artist Lily Gigante.

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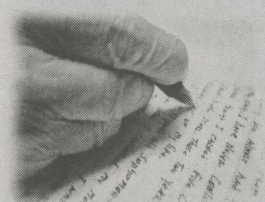
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Letters to the editor

Stop lithium-ion storage site planned for Tewksbury

To the editor,
As a citizen who cares about my community, I am deeply concerned about the new battery storage site that has been proposed for Tewksbury off Old Boston Road at Hillman and Rockland Streets. The proposal is for 169 stand-alone units, each 19.9 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 9.5 feet tall. Each unit will weigh 93,700 pounds.

This facility does not belong near any residential area because it presents dangers such as fire, toxic vapors, environmental contamination, noise pollution, and wetland disruption. Fires at other plants, such as in California's Moss Landing in January 2025, have taught us that a lithium battery fire spreads very rapidly, cannot be put out with water or foam, emits toxic vapors, and has long-lasting negative effects on a community.

People in homes, schools, and businesses would be impacted. In Tewksbury, within a half-mile radius alone, there are 1,227 residents who would be affected. Needed evacuation would be a nightmare as Rte. 38 is the only main exit road. Schools and businesses, senior living communities, and Alzheimer's units would be endangered. Ambulances would be needed. Traffic would rapidly come to a standstill.

I am writing this letter because I care about us all. These battery storage facilities have no place in any residential area. Please spread the word to your neighbors and contact our town officials with your concerns. Keep Tewksbury safe. SAY NO before it is too late.

Thank you for caring.

Peggy Schleicher,
Tewksbury

Resident against proposed lithium-ion battery storage center location

To the editor,
I am writing in opposition to the proposed lithium-ion battery storage center in Tewksbury.

There have been many incidents of similar facilities across the U.S. catching fire due to the flammable nature of the battery storage units and the heat they generate. Fires involving this material usually resist normal firefighting methods and need to be allowed to "burn out."

Because of the densely populated area where this facility is proposed, I am quite certain that Tewksbury fire and rescue services

would be unable to evacuate residents in a timely manner. There are many elderly, non-ambulatory people in the surrounding community, including those in an assisted living facility. Such an evacuation would be a nightmare.

It makes no sense to put such a facility in close proximity to densely populated areas. Please join me in contacting your state senators, representatives, governor, and lieutenant governor to express your opposition to this plan.

Claire Shoaie
Tewksbury

A tale of two trials

To the editor,
Soon we the people of the Commonwealth will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our Nation's Birth. Over the years there have been a handful of trials that have reached a level above all the others. But, none to heights these two.

At the top is Sacco and Vanzetti of 1920 and the other criminal case has just reached its second outcome this week. Let's take a look at the parallels of the two cases.

They both took place in Norfolk County at its Superior Court in the Town of Dedham. Also murder charges were involved with a Massachusetts

State Police officer with the last name Proctor playing a significant role. Their actions and testimony plus evidence became subjects of scrutiny and controversy.

Public opinion swayed both outcomes, and was fueled by overwhelming coverage by the media. In its wake, a much to be desired relationship between law enforcement and many of its citizens is in question.

The similarities end there: in Sacco and Vanzetti they were both found guilty in the deaths of Frederick Parmenter, a paymaster, and Alessandro Berardelli, a security guard during a robbery. They were elec-

Governor Healey files Mass Ready Act to strengthen infrastructure and prepare for disasters

BRAINTREE — Governor Maura Healey introduced the Mass Ready Act, a historic bill that proposes nearly \$3 billion in bond authorizations to strengthen infrastructure and protect Massachusetts communities against increasing extreme weather events.

This legislation focuses on crucial infrastructure improvements, including upgrades to roads, dams, and bridges, and establishes a Resilient Revolving Fund for these types of projects. It also streamlines permitting for priority housing, culvert replacements and salt marsh restoration projects by cutting redundant reviews and improving coordination.

The bill invests in farming and coastal economies and provides communities with resources to reduce flood and heat risk. Finally, the Mass Ready Act emphasizes the protection of water and nature by ensuring safe drinking water, restoring our waterways and preserving vital habitats for wildlife.

Gov. Healey made the announcement at Braintree Town Hall, near the site of a recently completed dam removal project that has improved neighborhood safety, restored the natural environment and allowed the river to flow freely for the first time in over 200 years.

"The Mass Ready Act is an investment in our infrastructure and in our communities," said Gov. Healey. "It will save people money and jumpstart housing by streamlining the permitting process. This legislation will help our communities get ready for the challenges ahead and make sure our families and neighborhoods stay safe."

"As a former mayor, I have seen firsthand how strained municipal budgets can become, with local governments asked to do more with limited resources. This bill is crucial as it equips our communities with the necessary funding to invest in their water systems and local infrastructure," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "The Mass Ready Act is not just about being prepared — it repre-

sents a bold step toward creating a stronger future and making our state more competitive, affordable and appealing for businesses and families."

"This legislation is about action where it matters," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "Massachusetts wasn't built for the intense storms, rising seas, and extreme heat we are seeing now. The Mass Ready Act is our down payment on a safe, healthier future — protecting clean air and water, strengthening local food systems, and preserving parks and green spaces for generations to come. These solutions are part of everyday life, and we are making sure no community is left behind."

"With this bill, Massachusetts once again leads on establishing one of the nation's first resilience financing funds," said Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer. "This fund will stretch the state's dollars to help more municipalities build stronger and smarter. With nation-leading permit streamlining provisions, it will also ensure we build the housing, nature-based solutions, and other critical resilience infrastructure we need faster and more easily. In Massachusetts, we know how to protect our critical ecosystems and build the world we need for a better tomorrow."

"The Mass Ready Act paves the way for thoughtful, strategic investments in Massachusetts's greatest resources — our communities, our environment, and the infrastructure we rely on every day," said Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew J. Gorkowicz. "The bond authorizations and policy measures in this bill will enable us to protect our assets and improve our neighborhoods, and we look forward to deploying Mass Ready Act funds to ensure resiliency across Massachusetts."

Strengthening Infrastructure

The Mass Ready Act is about strengthening infrastructure to better protect our homes, businesses and communities.

Due to increasing rainfall and rising sea levels, floods have become more likely. In Massachusetts, sea levels have risen, on average, over an inch per decade since the 1920s. This bill aims to address these challenges through authorizations that enhance our flood protection efforts, including addressing high-risk dams, inland flood control systems, and coastal and marine infrastructure. The bill also includes authorizations to implement ResilientCoasts recommendations, invest in parks, trails, beaches, and historic sites, improve transportation infrastructure, and manage solid waste and decrease pollution.

To keep these projects moving quickly, the bill simplifies the environmental permitting process for priority housing and urgent infrastructure needs, including municipal culvert replacements and other natural restoration projects. The bill includes key actions to respond to recommendations from the Governor's Unlocking Housing Production Commission. It also includes \$50 million in reauthorization for the Momentum Fund to continue accelerating the development of mixed-income and multifamily housing.

Permitting reforms include:

- Allowing priority housing and restoration projects to receive a Chapter 91 license in just 60 days without triggering review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA);

- Cutting duplicative administrative appeals for wetlands regulations, allowing local appeals for these project categories to go straight to the superior court;

- Adding climate resilience as a goal of the Wetlands Protection Act, simplifying permitting for natural restoration projects; and,

- Removing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) requirement for priority housing and natural restoration projects, allowing for completion of MEPA review within 30 days rather than up to one year.

The legislation also requires disclosures of flood

risk and past damages during home sales and lease signings so renters and homebuyers can make informed decisions and avoid costly damages down the road. Finally, it equips the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to advance climate resilience and housing production through the state building code.

Investing in Farms and Local Economies

This authorization also supports investments in our communities where it matters most. It ensures that everyone has access to fresh, locally sourced food, helps towns prepare for climate challenges, supports tree planting, and creates more parks and recreational spaces.

The Mass Ready Act also establishes the Resilient Revolving Fund, which will help cities, towns, tribal governments, and water and wastewater districts invest in resilience projects. This fund will offer low-interest loans to improve stormwater systems, reduce flood risk, and strengthen other critical infrastructure. This fund will complement other authorizations for local projects, including the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program, the Food Security Infrastructure Grant (FSIG) program, preserving open spaces, restoring watersheds, supporting outdoor recreation, protecting farmland, promoting food security, and keeping agriculture financially stable.

Protecting Water and Nature

The bill allocates authorization to preserve our water and natural resources, which are vital for our well-being. It ensures that residents have access to safe drinking water, maintains the quality of our waterways, and provides wildlife with the habitats necessary for their survival. Authorization highlights include PFAS mitigation and other critical clean water initiatives, land protection and support for the state's forthcoming Biodiversity Conservation Goals.

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'Farrell Covington and Limits of Style' by Paul Rudnick

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trocuted at Charlestown State Prison on Aug. 23, 1927.

The widespread perception, at the state, national, and international levels, was that a miscarriage of justice had occurred considering the death penalty. In 1977, on the 50th anniversary of that Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation stating that

Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti had not received a fair trial and that "any stigma should be forever removed from their names."

In the Karen Read trial she was found Not Guilty in the death of Boston police officer John O'Keefe after stopping by two bars and ending at a house party in Canton. History will move forward with a

chasm between those who believe she is guilty and those who believe she is innocent.

In conclusion, how can the bridge between law enforcement and those who are suspicious of it start healing.

The action that needs to occur is a ground swell

starting with myself of elected officials calling for Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey to resign. It can be the catalyst that history demands!

George Ferdinand
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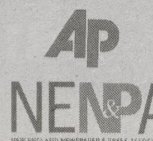
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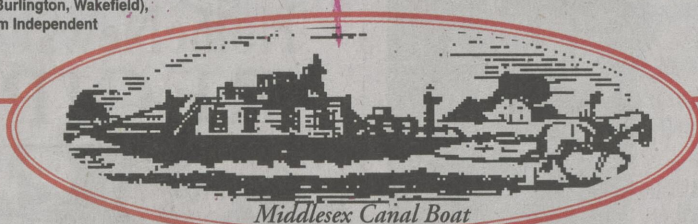
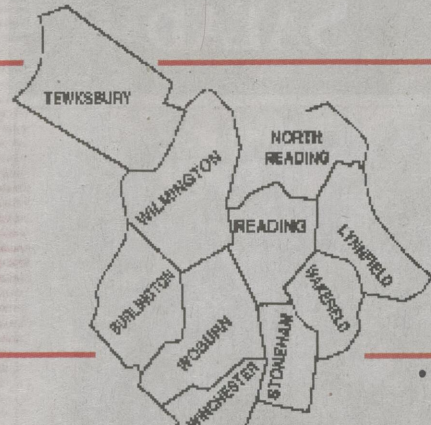
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Stoneham officials mull increase to community's trash fee

By PAT BLAIS

Imposed some 14 years ago to thwart a town budget crisis, Stoneham's temporary trash fee isn't going away any time soon.

In fact, based upon the recommendation of Town Administrator Dennis Sheehan, the annual \$252 charge will likely be going up as the community wrestles with its latest round of budget woes.

This Tuesday night, Stoneham's Select Board will meet in Town Hall to consider a request from Sheehan to hike the refuse bill assessed to single-family homeowners in town by \$21 to \$276.47 a year.

The Select Board is considering the fee increase after Stonehamites in April rejected a \$14.6 million operating budget override needed to avert widespread layoffs and service reductions in town over the next three-to-four years.

In the wake of that vote, Town Meeting approved an FY'26 budget that wiped out a \$125,000 line-item that has historically been used to subsidize the fee, which was last increased from \$145 to the current \$252 rate in 2019. "What we originally rec-

ommended for FY'26 was a \$125,000 transfer from the general fund to help subsidize the trash fund," Sheehan explained during a meeting in Town Hall earlier this month.

With previous discussions over the refuse charge and proposed changes to trash policy generating some of the most rancorous debates in recent memory, the latest proposal to increase the trash fee is similarly generating quite a bit of controversy.

Earlier this month, just before the town administrator first broached the topic with the Select Board, a political action committee formed to contest April's \$14.6 million override question made clear their opposition to the fee increase.

"Our community is already stretched thin. A record 34 percent of Stoneham's voters turned out in the recent election to decisively reject the override. That message was clear: residents are demanding fiscal responsibility. Yet, if this trash fee increase moves forward, it will hit our most vulnerable neighbors—especially seniors—the hardest," noted "Keep Stoneham Af-



BUDGET CHALLENGES and increased trash contract pricing has Stoneham, and other communities, looking at trash fees or changes to the collection process. At right is Stoneham Town Manager Dennis Sheehan who has presented a trash fee increase to the local Select Board.

fordable for All" members in a social media post.

"We're concerned that new fees are being floated to quietly fund budget increases, bypassing the scrutiny and discipline that households must apply every day to live within their means," the political action committee added. "Stoneham families are doing their part. It's time for our leaders to do theirs."

The latest discussion around the charge, which covers the majority of the costs associated with Stoneham's trash and recycling disposal services, also

comes as municipal officials prepare to enter into a new round of negotiations for the town's solid waste hauling contract.

Sheehan is already predicting that the cost of the municipal service will climb dramatically when that next contract is signed. The next agreement will also likely require big time policy changes, such as requirement that residents use universally-sized and issued trash carts, in order to switch to automated pickup in which a garbage truck with a robotic arm is used to upend residents' garbage containers.

Presently, Stoneham residents can use their own trash barrels, but are limited to a weekly disposal limit that's equivalent to a volume of 90 gallons of trash (or about three standard-sized trash barrels).

Given the community's current financial woes, the town administrator believes the Select Board should consider building up reserves in a special trash and recycling account where revenues from the annual refuse charge are deposited. Currently, that account contains roughly \$675,554, but would be completely drained without a fee increase to cover projected costs in FY'26, town officials say.



"We don't have the flexibility to add back the subsidy in FY'26 like we projected and we know in two years, we'll have a new contract with our hauler which we think will be higher," warned Sheehan. "We might need to do some things like procure barrels, so you might want to keep some flexibility in that account to subsidize something like that purchase."

Current service provider

Casella Waste Systems, a Peabody-based firm which inked a 10-year contract with Stoneham in 2016, is expected to charge the community around \$1.3 million in FY'26 to haul away town residents' garbage each week. In addition, Sheehan is also projecting that the town will pay around \$460,000 in so-called tipping fees that are assessed to the

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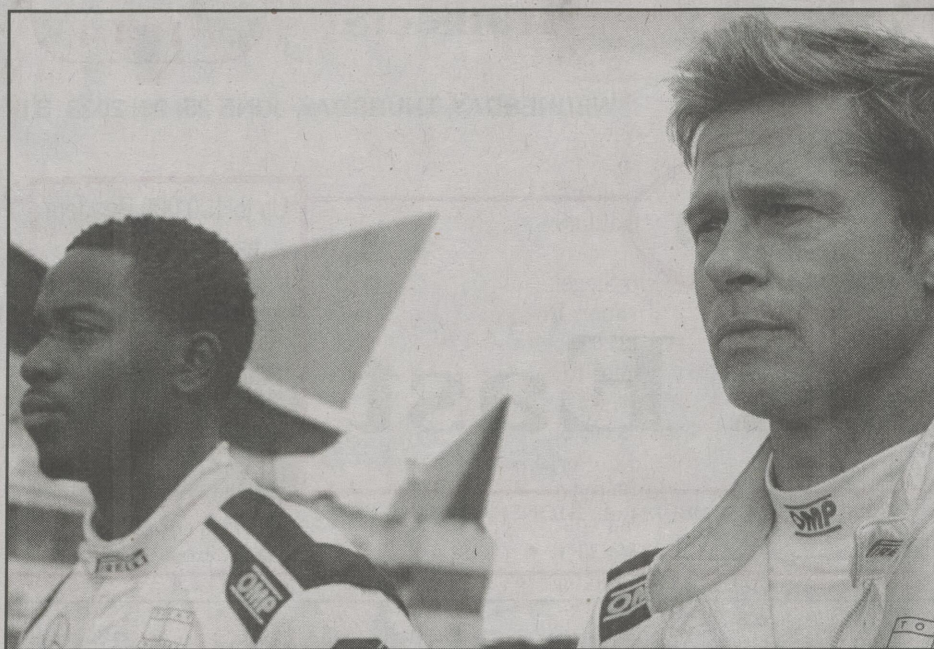
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SPEED RACERS - Actors Damson Idris as Joshua Pearce, left, and Brad Pitt as Sonny Hayes in a scene from "F1 The Movie." released by Apple TV+.

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

From bumper to bumper, 'F1 The Movie' is a Formula One spectacle

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

The wide-screen spectacle of Formula One gets a gleaming, rip-roaring workout in Joseph Kosinski's "F1," a fine-tuned machine of a movie that, in its most riveting racing scenes, approaches a kind of high-speed splendor.

Kosinski, who last endeavored to put moviegoers in the seat of a fighter jet in "Top Gun: Maverick," has moved to the open cockpits of Formula One with much the same affection, if not outright need, for speed. A lot of the same team is back. Jerry Bruckheimer produces. Ehren Kruger, a co-writer on "Maverick," takes sole credit here. Hans Zimmer, a co-composer previously, supplies the thumping score.

And, again, our central figure is an older, high-flying cowboy plucked down in an ultramodern, gas-guzzling conveyance to teach a younger generation about old-school ingenuity and, maybe, the enduring appeal of denim.

But whereas Tom Cruise is a particularly forward-moving action star, Brad Pitt, who stars as the driving-addicted Sonny Hayes in "F1," has always been a more arrestingly poised presence. Think of the way he so calmly and half-interestedly faces off with Bruce Lee in Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time ... in

Hollywood." In the opening scene of "F1," he's sleeping in a van with headphones on when someone rouses him. He splashes some water on his face and walks a few steps over to the Daytona oval, where he quickly enters his team's car, in the midst of a 24-hour race. Pitt goes from zero to 180 mph in a minute.

Sonny, a long-ago phenom who crashed out of Formula One decades earlier and has since been racing any vehicle, even a taxi, he can get behind the wheel of, is approached by an old friend, Ruben Cervantes (Javier Bardem) about joining his flagging F1 team, APX. Sonny turns him down at first but, of course, he joins and "F1" is off to the races.

The title sequence, exquisitely timed to the syncopated rhythms of Zimmer's score, is a blistering introduction. The hotshot rookie driver Noah Pearce (Damson Idris) is just running a practice lap, but Kosinski, his camera adeptly moving in and out of the cockpit, uses the moment to plunge us into the high-tech world of Formula One, where every inch of the car is connected to digital sensors monitored by a watchful team. Here, that includes technical director Kate McKenna (Kerry Condon) and Kaspar Molinski (Kim Bodnia), the team's chief.

Verisimilitude is of obvious importance to the film-

makers, who bathe this very Formula One-authorized film in all the sleek operations and globe-trotting spectacle of the sport. That Apple, which produced the film, would even go for such a high-priced summer movie about Formula One is a testament to the upswing in popularity of a sport once quite niche in America, and of the halo effects of both the Netflix series "Formula 1: Drive to Survive" and the much-celebrated driver Lewis Hamilton, an executive producer on "F1."

Whether "F1" pleases diehards I'll leave to more ardent followers of the circuit. But what I can say definitively is that Claudio Miranda knows how to shoot it. The cinematographer, who has shot all of Kosinski's films as well as wonders like Ang Lee's "Life of Pi," brings Formula One to vivid, visceral life. When "F1" heads to the big races, Miranda is always simultaneously capturing the zooming cars from the asphalt while backgrounding it with the sweeping spectacle of a course like the U.K.'s fabled Silverstone Circuit.

OK, you might be thinking, so the racing is good; is there a story? There's what I'd call enough of one, though you might have to go to the photo finish to verify that. When Sonny shows up, and rapidly turns one practice vehicle into toast, it's clear that he's going to be an agent of chaos at APX, a

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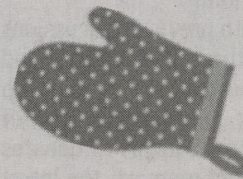
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- 8 slices cooked bacon, chopped
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
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- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 2 medium avocados, pitted, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled, coarsely chopped

low-ranking team that's in heavy debt and struggling to find a car that performs.

This gives Pitt a fine opportunity to flash his charisma, playing Sonny as an obsessive who refuses any trophy and has no real interest in money, either. The flashier, media-ready Noah watches Sonny's arrival with skepticism, and two begin more as rivals than teammates. Idris is up to the mano-a-mano challenge, but he's limited by a role ultimately revolving around — and reducing to — a young Black man learning a lesson in work ethic.

A relationship does develop, but "F1" struggles to get its characters out of the starting blocks, keeping them closer to the clichés they start out as. The actor who, more than anyone, keeps the momentum going

is Condon, playing an aerodynamics specialist whose connection with Pitt's Sonny is immediate. Just as she did in between another pair of headstrong men in "The Banshees of Inisherin," Condon is a rush of naturalism.

If there's something preventing "F1" from hitting full speed, it's its insistence on having its characters constantly voice Sonny's motivations. The same holds true on the race course, where broadcast commentary narrates virtually every moment of the drama. That may be a necessity for a sport where the crucial strategies of hot tires and pit-stop timing aren't quite household concepts. But the best car race movies — from "Grand Prix" to "Senna" to "Ferrari" — know when to rely

on nothing but the roar of an engine.

"F1" steers predictably to the finish line, cribbing here and there from sports dramas before it. (Tobias Menzies plays a board member with uncertain corporate goals.) When "F1" does, finally, quiet down, for one blissful moment, the movie, almost literally, soars. It's not quite enough to forget all the high-octane macho dramatics before it, but it's enough to glimpse another road "F1" might have taken.

"F1," an Apple Studios production released by Warner Bros., is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association for strong language and action. Running time: 155 minutes. Three stars out of four.

• FEE FROM B1

town when that waste is dropped off by Casella Waste at a Haverhill incinerator plant.

By contrast, in FY'19 - which is notably the same year two Select Board members failed in an attempt to eliminate Stoneham's trash fee for at least two years by dipping into reserve funding - the town spent around \$582,000 for refuse pickup.

Enacted back in Jan. of 2011 to avert catastrophic layoffs and service reductions, including the proposed elimination of the district's school athletics program, the current trash fee was passed by the Select Board in the wake of a failed \$1.9 million proposition 2 and 1/2 override vote.

However, Stoneham's first began flirting with a trash fee several years earlier in 2005, when a \$150 a year fee was implemented in the wake of yet another failed override attempt. Similarly described as a temporary stop-gap measure, town officials did briefly eliminate the charge for two years beginning in 2009.

However, two years later, the Selectmen reinstituted the fee at an annual rate of \$252 a year.

After the selectmen eliminated a policy that allowed residents to throw away an unlimited volume of trash each week, the fee was reduced to \$160 a year in the fall of 2014. Two years later, in the summer of 2016, another \$15 reduction was approved by the selectmen.

In the winter of 2018, after town officials revealed that the state was about to certify

the largest amount of surplus "free cash" revenue in the community since the 1980s, former Selectmen Caroline Colarusso and Thomas Boussy proposed dipping into that \$3.4 million windfall to give residents a two-year "trash fee holiday".

However, former Town Administrator Thomas Younger, who warned that the use of free cash for reoccurring expenditures would create the same kind of structural budget deficits that led to Stoneham's dreadful wave of financial crises a decade earlier, led efforts to contest that Town Meeting proposal.

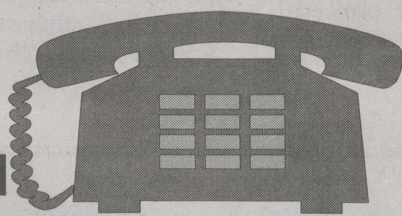
With a majority of the Selectmen joining with the community's Finance Board and School Committee to also oppose the trash fee holiday, Town Meeting rejected the proposed \$1.1 million use of free cash.

Notably, the FY'26 budget passed by Town Meeting last month is relying upon a \$1.2 million withdrawal from Stoneham's stabilization account - a one-time funding source - to cover reoccurring school budget expenditures. Town leaders have acknowledged that use of the rainy day fund will create a mirroring \$1.2 million budget deficit next year, but are hoping voters will pass an override next fall to absorb that shortfall.

In 2019, the Select Board jacked up the trash fee charge to its current \$255 rate in order to plug a mid-year \$322,941 deficit in the town's off-budget refuse accounts. At the time, he town had budgeted \$467,000 to subsidize the trash fee at the old \$145 rate.

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28 Chatham Way was sold to Ye, Wenjin and Ye, Wenxiu by Gilbertson, Matthew T and Gilbertson, Deborah M for \$1,250,000 on 06/02/25

6 Fall Way was sold to Elizarov, Ariel and Liu, Stephanie by Ervin, Jonathan T and Roy, Amy D for \$1,475,000 on 06/02/25

13 Townsend Rd was sold to Schreck, Bradley and Schreck, Kristen by Newton, Myra M for \$1,475,000 on 06/04/25

NORTH READING

3 Belmont Ln was sold to Fischer, Jonathan T and Fischer, Alyssa N by Enright, Michael C and Enright, Sharon E for \$1,355,000 on 06/05/25

15 Foley Dr was sold to Raymond, Christopher and Raymond, Jenna by Alice J Falcone Lt and Falcone, Alice J for \$1,085,000 on 06/06/25

7 Gowing Ln was sold to Gowing Lane LLC by 7 Gowing Lane Rt and Lipshutz, David M for \$900,000 on 06/02/25

168 Haverhill St was sold to Suwal, Kishor and Suwal, Susila by Stephen K Gminski RET and Gminski, Stephen K for \$830,000 on 06/02/25

46 Main St was sold to Rrapo, Ali and Rrapo, Ermira by Cappuccio, Jessica for \$360,000 on 06/05/25

300 Martins Lndg #9511 was sold to Frank R Sylvester Lt and Sylvester, Frank R by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$822,499 on 06/05/25

122 Park St was sold to Groleau, Thomas J and Groleau, Cinthya by Viens RET and Viens, Michael A for \$890,000 on 06/05/25

READING

57 Augustus Ct #3004 was sold to Litke, Brian and Litke, Jennifer by Harrington, Brooke A for \$530,000 on 06/06/25

7 Courtyard Pl #7 was sold to Nancy E Sayegh RET and Sayegh, Nancy E by Crane, Lauren C for \$1,125,000 on 06/02/25

62 Deering St was sold to Graff, Emily and Trasatti, Nicholas by Ravida, Giuseppe and Ravida, Marisa for \$1,670,000 on 06/02/25

704 Gazebo Cir #704 was sold to Ng, Jodie W and Sato, Yuuki by Gillespie, Jennifer A for \$570,000 on 06/05/25

9 Greenwood Rd was sold to Iannetta, Daniel L and Iannetta, Jenna by Connolly-Cullen, D M and Connolly, Raymond for \$1,655,000 on 06/05/25

18 Knollwood Rd was sold to Bhatia, Bharat and Bhatia, Anita by George Charles Davey Irt and Davey, Carolyn for \$850,000 on 06/02/25

896 Main St was sold to Kasseris, Emmanouil and Theodoridou, Sofia by Dse Construction Inc and Luiky Company Inc for \$1,248,000 on 06/05/25

16 Nugent Ln was sold to Shen, Ann and Shen, John by Jcg Investments LLC for \$1,328,000 on 06/05/25

27 Rocky Rd was sold to Adams, Shane and Devincenzo, Briana by Goll, Jonathan and Goll, Jenna R for \$1,420,000 on 06/03/25

234 Washington St was sold to Townsend, Paige and Townsend, Edward by Gotow, An-

drew G and Miller, Hilary E for \$780,000 on 06/02/25

246 Woburn St was sold to Lipani, Carl C and Lipani, Abigail G by Susan E Fitzgerald RET and Fitzgerald, Susan E for \$1,295,000 on 06/02/25

STONEHAM

195 Collincote St #106 was sold to Hong, Lillian by Rose Jr, Robert S and Rose, Laura F for \$626,000 on 06/06/25

53 Forest St was sold to Roy, Seema and Mazumder, Gopal C by Foley Irene A Est and Donahoe, Candice A for \$720,000 on 06/03/25

157 Franklin St #E2 was sold to Meyer, Conrad F by Senoba Group LLC for \$337,000 on 06/06/25

41 Harrison St was sold to Tang, Wing H by Dsm Mangano Hm Bldrs LLC for \$970,000 on 06/06/25

60 Pleasant St was sold to Grieb, David and Grieb, Ekaterina by Triplett, Louis N and Gutmann, Jaclyn E for \$777,000 on 06/05/25

6-8 South St was sold to J-Marg LLC by Tnt Franklin Realty LLC for \$800,000 on 06/06/25

10-A Unicorn Ave was sold to Ranjan, Alok by Golias Gomes Do Est and Desmond, John O for \$720,000 on 06/05/25

TEWKSBURY

40 Bradford Rd was sold to Lepore, Raymond N and Lepore, Diane C by Barbato Ft and Barbato Jr, Peter A for \$750,000 on 06/05/25

127 Catamount Rd was sold to Fronduto, Susan and Baker, Lester by Schultz 2017 T and Schultz, Peter S for \$850,000 on 06/06/25

39 Decarolis Dr #39 was sold to Oneill, Donna M by Driscoll, Grace M for \$485,000 on 06/04/25

75 Langley Ln was sold to Cappuccio, Anthony and Cappuccio, Jessica by Dasilva Ft and Dasilva, Roderick F for \$820,000 on 06/05/25

24 Pleasant St was sold to 24 Pleasant Street LLC by Sullivan, John D for \$625,000 on 06/06/25

60 Pringle St was sold to Robichaud, Dylan J by Robichaud, Dana M for \$350,000 on 06/02/25

1 Ryans Way was sold to Aguiar, Dereck and Aguiar, Kailey by Johnston, Paul and Johnston, Irene for \$810,000 on 06/05/25

177 Salem Rd was sold to Bay Flow LLC by Dionne Carla Est and Brothers, Renee for \$405,000 on 06/02/25

2 Sharon St was sold to Thomas, Scott by Blackall, Lawrence P for \$655,000 on 06/05/25

1143 South St was sold to Robertson, Ashley H and Robertson, Michael C by De La Cruz, Jeremias G and Goncalves, Roberta K for \$600,000 on 06/06/25

23 Wayside Rd was sold to Halas, Stephen and Manzi, Adrianna by Masotta, Philip P and Masotta, Gail M for \$795,000 on 06/02/25

560 Whipple Rd was sold to Lainez, Belky J by Medeiros, Carissa L for \$650,000 on 06/06/25

WAKEFIELD

248 Albion St #212 was sold to Hsieh, Kae-Yang by Shaer, Nancy for \$599,000 on 06/02/25

1 Bathol St was sold to Vantage Wakefield Rlty LL by Ohima LLC for \$3,726,600 on 06/05/25

18 Eastern Ave was sold to Beers, Courtney and Beers, William by Simpson Eastern Ave Irt and Kent, Pamela L for \$860,000 on 06/05/25

7 Fernwood Rd was sold to Marshall, Sabrina and Marshall, Cody by Robinson, Stephen H for \$780,000 on 06/04/25

24 Griffen Dr was sold to Colangelo, Amando N and Viola, Nancy E by Trinh, Thanh for \$680,000 on 06/03/25

14 High St was sold to Gulden, Abigail P and Oneil, John H by Bobadilla, Miguel for \$1,330,000 on 06/03/25

687 Main St was sold to Siegel, Natasha and Ryan, Michael by Draper, Douglas N and Draper, Patti J for \$1,125,000 on 06/05/25

30 Meriam St was sold to Mcneish, Omeilleo and Whiton, Carissa by Lonano Prop Holdings LLC for \$985,000 on 06/05/25

167 Parker Rd was sold to Perron, Tyler by Lingiewicz, John for \$710,000 on 06/03/25

7 Pheasantwood Dr was sold to Ryan, William P and Ryan, Ashley E by Kendall, Daniel and Kendall, Stephanie for \$1,091,000 on 06/05/25

30 Strathmore Rd was sold to Leo, Robert and Chankhour, Alyssa by Love, Nikki B for \$869,448 on 06/02/25

19 Summer St was sold to Cook, Robert and Cook, Kristina A by 19 Summer Street T and Maloney, Paula M for \$875,000 on 06/06/25

WILMINGTON

176 Chestnut St was sold to Quella, Patrick B by Carter, Karen L for \$820,000 on 06/06/25

7 Mill Rd was sold to Powers, Kevin and Powers, Mackenzie by Macdonald, Stephen A and Macdonald, Kathleen P for \$899,900 on 06/05/25

134 Nichols St was sold to Jacobs, Matthew and Colby, Kaitlyn A by Landry, Michele A for \$620,000 on 06/05/25

195 Salem St #2204 was sold to Mcgarvie Nt and Mcgarvie, Douglas J by Dudley Family Wilmington and Keating, Daniel J for \$525,000 on 06/03/25

WINCHESTER

11 Chesterford Rd E was sold to Ann K Levarn T and Greenbaum, David M by Smith, Gideon P for \$2,000,000 on 06/02/25

32 Clark St was sold to Le, Thu by Green, Lianne and Green, Glenn for \$699,900 on 06/05/25

7 Conant Rd #60 was sold to Brauer, Jeff J by 7 Conant Road LLC for \$690,000 on 06/06/25

34 Coolidge Rd was sold to Pennucci, Lawrence and Lee, Jamie by Messuri Mary Est and Marino, Pauline for \$1,650,000 on 06/06/25

71-73 Cross St was sold to 71-73 Cross Street Rt and Meinelt, Stephen L by Sadie Belle LLC for \$1,600,000 on 06/06/25

14 Grove St was sold to Betz Jr, Matthew M and Wilsey, Karin by Gorman, John and Gorman, Monica for \$2,111,000 on 06/05/25

7 Indian Hill Rd was sold to Rvj Rt and Asaro, Frank J by Par Three Nt and Vernaglia, Carolyn C for \$1,140,000 on 06/03/25

10 Loring Ct was sold to Touger, Daniel and Brett, Lauren by Lochwan LLC for \$2,300,000 on 06/06/25

195 Mystic Valley Pkwy was sold to

Icten, Tayfun and Icten, Sarah E by Benoit, Edward M and Benoit, Deborah G for \$1,475,000 on 06/05/25

158 Swanton St #158 was sold to Perez-Rodriguez, Javier and Camejo-Rojas, Yeni M by 158-162 Swanton St Cbc L for \$1,269,000 on 06/04/25

160 Swanton St #160 was sold to Qiao, Jennifer X and Mao, Wenlei by 158-162 Swanton St Cbc L for \$1,084,000 on 06/04/25

WOBURN

10 Beacon St #101 was sold to Quinones, Elijah L and Deleon, Diana H by Laikhter, Andrei for \$335,000 on 06/06/25

94 Cambridge Rd was sold to Dusty, Brianna and Dusty, Andrew by Mongelli, Joan for \$725,000 on 06/02/25

13 Canterbury Rd was sold to Haroutunian, Julie and Haroutunian, Steven A by Murgo, Michelle M and Murgo, Justin A for \$1,275,000 on 06/05/25

26 Dartmouth St was sold to Mccarthy, Brooke M and Mcpherson, Matthew J by Giacchetto, Joanne M and Burgholzer, Catherine A for \$655,000 on 06/04/25

37 Derby Dr #37 was sold to Murgo, Justin and Murgo, Michelle by West Woburn Dev Corp for \$924,900 on 06/05/25

7 E Dexter Ave #39 was sold to Xu, Jiaman and Li, Zhiran by Colbeth, Christopher M and Wu, Junqi for \$770,000 on 06/06/25

6 Garden St was sold to Zhou, Jian and Fan, Zhiming by Robblee, Kertland R for \$720,000 on 06/05/25

9 Grove St #1 was sold to Wang, Rose L by Zhou, Jian and Fan, Zhiming for \$720,000 on 06/04/25

3-A Keith Cir #3A was sold to Chan, Chun-Fai and Chan, Rachel L by Jaclyn Tramonte T and Tramonte, Jaclyn for \$585,000 on 06/05/25

5 Kendalls Ml #5 was sold to Weinman, Neal by Raif, Sibel for \$875,000 on 06/06/25

8 Kendalls Ml #8 was sold to Mahoney, Carol A and Mahoney, Michael J by Shen, Jiabin and Guo, Jinhong for \$730,000 on 06/06/25

13 Lafayette Pl was sold to Habibullah, Masud by Smith Jr, Richard M for \$1,450,000 on 06/05/25

855 Main St #205 was sold to Linnell, Jessica N by Walsh, Lynn M for \$499,000 on 06/04/25

107-109 Pine St #107 was sold to Reed, Derek J and Reed, Kara by Li, Jinyu and Rogers, Bruce L for \$1,095,000 on 06/02/25

35 S Bedford St was sold to Mogauero, Joseph and Mogauero, Kaitlyn by Paul-David-Kevin Rt and Crampton, Paul F for \$735,000 on 06/05/25

8 Veteran Rd was sold to Perlowski, Caroline and Geaney, Kyle by Northcreek Corp for \$850,000 on 06/05/25

12 Ward St was sold to Zgonis, Vasiliki by Berrigan Ft and Berrigan, Kevin for \$582,500 on 06/04/25

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Tewksbury Police Log

Possible shoplifting occurred after woman left with TV

Monday, June 16

8:21 a.m. - Passerby reported a male party dressed in black was pushing all the construction barrels over across the Home Depot. Police sent. They spoke with a male party sleeping under the bridge that did not fit the description and did not see anybody. Police scanned the area, but gone on arrival.

8:54 a.m. - Caller reported a male party urinated behind the dumpster at Haffner's. Male left in a gray Silverado taking a right onto Main Street. Police sent. They reported male was taking prostate medication and apologized. Clerk never saw the male urinating.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported a male knocked on her door and left an envelope at Archstone Avenue. She reported ten minutes later, someone tried to open her door. Male wore a brown hat, brown shirt, and jeans. Police sent. Nothing suspicious occurred. It was a packet left by the census bureau conducting a survey.

Tuesday, June 17

10:25 a.m. - Nicholas Deveau, 27, of 11 Wildwood Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200.

11:55 a.m. - Caller reported a mother and a son were hitting golf balls into the street. Caller stated it seemed like they were aiming for the cars. Police

sent. They confirmed she spoke to the party. The child was now facing the opposite way away from the street.

5 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party, very dirty looking, attempting to open her door and turned the door knob, asking to let him in at Main Street. Male party walked north on Route 38. Police and ambulance sent. The ambulance transported one.

6:50 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver in the parking lot at MB Spirits. Police sent. Officer spoke with the operator, but no signs of impairment.

10:46 p.m. - Parking security officer reported a female party walked out of the store and refused to show the Walmart employee the receipt for a TV she was carrying at Walmart. Female party continued walking with the TV toward the Urgent Care. Security officer reported no manager on tonight. Police sent. They checked the area, but gone on arrival. They spoke with the parking lot security officer and was told to have them look into the possible shoplifting.

Wednesday, June 18

2:46 a.m. - A 911 caller at Heritage Drive reported an unknown female party knocked on a door looking for someone. Older female wore jeans and a sweatshirt and had short gray hair. Police sent. She was confused and at the wrong

house. Female was safely back home.

7:53 a.m. - A 911 call for a suspicious male walking down the middle of the road yelling at Trull Road. Caller reported he was heading toward Main Street and was wearing a tan winter jacket. Police sent. The male was gone on arrival.

3:11 p.m. - Wilmington Police Department reported an erratic driver drove fast and slow. Vehicle was last seen heading toward Salem Road. Police sent, but they could not locate.

3:39 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male came at him with a bat ten minutes ago at Walmart. Male described as 40-year old white male balding with no shirt. Police sent. Everyone cleared. This was an argument over panhandling. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, June 19

7:19 p.m. - A 911 caller reported her daughter advised there was a man at her window at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. Two hispanic males were knocking on her window and then her slider door. Both wearing white shirts and one was bald. She took photos and they left. Officer returned with one male party. Mario Perez-Vega, 35, of 51 Lane Street in Lowell, was arrested and charged with two warrants for trespassing.

9:21 p.m. - Someone was assaulted at Trull Brook

Golf Course approximately 90 minutes to an hour ago. Police sent and officer spoke to the party. They filed a report.

9:54 p.m. - The caller heard a gunshot at Grasshopper Lane. Police sent. They spoke to the caller. Only heard the one shot. The police checked the area, but nothing was found.

10:13 p.m. - Caller stated she believed noise was coming from Foster Road with loud music, lots of cars, and fireworks. Police sent. They spoke to the homeowner. It was a graduation party. They were asked to turn the music down. They were to be notified if the police were called back. If this happened, they would have to shut it down.

Friday, June 20

7:39 a.m. - Caller at Bemis Circle reported he heard a loud explosion, possibly in the area of South Street. No smoke reported. Caller believed transformer blew. Police sent. Detective checked the area, but nothing was found.

4:28 p.m. - A suspicious person yelled at cars in the area of Main Street and Marshall Street. Male was wearing a purple hat. Police sent and had the male party located at Mexico. Party checked out OK.

7:49 p.m. - Caller reported three mopeds in the roadway at Chandler Street and Whipple Road harassing vehicles. Police sent and officers checked the area, but they were unable to locate.

7:49 p.m. - Caller reported there was a female party at her house that was demanding to speak with her because she believed the

caller had her outdoor cat at Quail Run. Police sent. They checked the house with the owner. No cat found. Officer filed a report.

10:07 p.m. - A 911 caller reported blue Jeep operating erratically at Longmeadow Road. Police sent. They checked the area, but they were unable to locate.

Saturday, June 21

12:21 a.m. - Security company stated there was a car in the parking lot next to the building at Atamian Honda. Police sent. They checked the area, and the motor vehicle was gone on arrival.

1:43 a.m. - A 911 caller reported person outside seen through ring camera at Pondview Lane. They were spotted five to ten minutes ago, unknown if male or female because it was too dark. They were wearing dark sweatshirt, unsure if person. Had vehicle with them. Police sent. They spoke to them and she never saw people outside.

2:45 a.m. - A 911 caller reported she could see people in the yard through Ring camera at Pondview Lane. It was two people near the basketball hoop. Police sent. They stated no one saw anything and it might have been a fox.

4:54 p.m. - Caller stated vehicle with blue lights near the headlights was following her and thought it was trying to pull her over at Livingston Street and Eagle Drive toward Tree House Brewery. Police sent. They checked the area, but gone on arrival.

7:25 p.m. - Caller reported there was unruly parents causing a disturbance due to screaming and yelling profanities at Liv-

ingston Street Park. Caller reported he was threatened by a large male party by saying to him, "let's go take it across the street." Caller was with a team of 11 and 12 juveniles playing softball. Police sent. All was calm now and all parties were spoken to. Parties involved left the area. Police stood by until all parties left.

Sunday, June 22

1:46 a.m. - Caller reported he was not at River Road but got a notification on his phone that there was window motion. Caller reported he had cameras inside and could see a shadow by the widow. Police sent. They checked the area and found no signs of forced entry or anyone in the area.

1:23 p.m. - A 911 caller stated his vehicle was stolen when he walked into the Petrol Station. Police sent. Daniel Riedl, 41, of 145 Fairmont Avenue in Worcester, was arrested and charged with larceny of motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, negligent operation of motor vehicle, operating motor vehicle with license revoke, marked lanes violation, speeding rate speed greater than was reasonable, and four counts of leaving the scene of property damage.

2:32 p.m. - A 911 caller stated female party intentionally hit his car with hers at Ames Hill Drive. Second caller stated same female party was driving aggressively and following people in the lot. Police sent. Michelle Louanis, 65, of 1316 Ames Hill Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with dangerous weapon, motor vehicle with malicious damage, and assault with dangerous weapon.



Wilmington Police Log

Local man arrested for alleged drug possession

Friday, June 13:

8:53 a.m.: A black 2018 Subaru Forester was involved in a motor vehicle accident, ending up on its side in a driveway on Mill Road. The driver was able to get out of the car.

4:43 p.m.: A caller on Waltham Street reported that the passenger side window of his blue 2008 Honda Fit was smashed in sometime after 11 a.m. that day.

Saturday, June 14:

12:29 a.m.: A black 2022 Tesla Model 3 crashed into a pole on West Street. Verizon was notified of damage to the pole, and the fire department transported both people in the vehicle.

4:21 p.m.: A lifeguard at the Town Beach on Burnap Street reported a man who bypassed showing ID to get on the beach, was giving the lifeguards a hard time and was refusing to leave. The man would get into a confrontation with police officers before the

situation de-escalated and he left, and the lifeguard notified the head lifeguard about issuing a no trespass order to the man.

10:20 p.m.: Leonel Medeiros of 21 Fells Ave., in Medford, was arrested for a restraining order violation at a location on Mill Road; this arrest was done on behalf of Medford police.

Sunday, June 15:

1:44 a.m.: Edwin Alexander Marques Baez of 18 11th Ave., Apt. #3, in Haverhill, was issued a summons for a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation, not having a registration in possession, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2009 Ford Focus on Lowell Street.

Monday, June 16:

12:35 a.m.: A caller on Lowell Street reported that a woman was trying to break into his house, and that she was trying to enter through the window. The call was transferred

to Billerica police when it was found the caller was in Billerica.

9:31 a.m.: A caller on Woburn Street reported that he was the victim of credit card fraud.

3:37 p.m.: A black 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a black 2016 Isuzu NPR were involved in a head-on collision on Industrial Way.

Airbags were deployed, and part of nearby West Street was closed off due to the accident.

Tuesday, June 17:

10:30 a.m.: A man on Wilton Drive reported that a half bottle of Tylenol went missing from his safe.

12:08 p.m.: The chute of a cement truck hit a gray 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee on Lowell Street, police assisted with information exchange.

1:26 p.m.: A caller on Somerville Avenue requested an officer due a dispute with her neighbor regarding parking in front of her house. Police spoke with

both neighbors over how to proceed in a court setting.

Wednesday, June 18:

10:54 a.m.: A caller on West Street reported receiving a scam call; she believes she did not give any personal information.

Thursday, June 19:

12:21 a.m.: An employee at the Cumberland Farms on Main Street reported that he received a threat from a customer who said he was "going to come back and cause some trouble." The customer had left by the time police arrived, being described as a Latino man with a blue shirt, orange hat, and driving an SUV.

12:16 p.m.: Joseph R Pineau of 12 Roosevelt Road, in Wilmington, was arrested for possession of a class A drug to distribute. This followed a caller on Kierman Avenue reported a vehicle parked with a man inside it for about half an hour.

6:06 p.m.: A caller at the Savers on Main Street reported a man had followed her and her exchange students around the store without a cart or any items. Police were able to pull over the man's car at a nearby CVS, where he stated that he intended to buy something in the store, before realizing he left his wallet in his car and left.

Wilmington police summons two men to court for illegally selling fireworks



Wilmington Police seized 30 opened boxes and 70 unopened boxes of fireworks, worth an estimated \$40,000 to \$50,000 after they located an illegal fireworks sale at 65 Industrial Way on Friday. (Photo courtesy WPD)

WILMINGTON — Police Chief Joseph Desmond reports that the Wilmington Police Department, acting on a tip from a resident, located an illegal fireworks sale in Wilmington on Friday, and is summoning two men to court as a result.

On Friday, June 20, at approximately 3 p.m., the Wilmington Police Department was notified by a resident of a flyer advertising a fireworks sale that was planned to occur at 65 Industrial Way.

Wilmington police, acting on information contained in the flyer, set up surveillance in the area. Police confirmed via surveillance and a subsequent motor vehicle stop that fireworks were being sold out of a building at 65 Industrial Way. Police entered the building while the sale was occurring, and located two men, a 56-year-old man from Nottingham, N.H., and a 49-year-old man from Tewksbury, who were responsible for the sales.

Both men will now be summonsed to Woburn District Court to face a charge of sale of fireworks.

Upon searching the building in its entirety, police located 70 unopened boxes of fireworks and 30

opened boxes of fireworks, worth an estimated \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Due to potential hazards posed by the fireworks, Wilmington police contacted the Wilmington Fire Department, State Police Bomb Squad and the State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit attached to the State Fire Marshal's Office for assistance. All three agencies helped to secure the fireworks, and the State Police Bomb Squad then took safe possession of all of the fireworks.

According to statistics released on Sunday by the

Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, illegal fireworks have caused 559 fires and explosions, and 220 serious injuries in Massachusetts in the past five years.

"Fireworks cause injuries and fires each year in Massachusetts, and we will not tolerate their sale or use here in Wilmington," said Chief Desmond. "I want to thank the alert resident who brought this case to our attention, and the other agencies that helped us respond."

Wilmington police would like to thank the Wilmington Fire Department, the Massachusetts

State Police, and the State Fire Marshal's Office for their assistance.

"The possession, use, and sale of fireworks in Massachusetts requires licensing and certification because of the hazards they pose," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "As a result, our fireworks injury rate is about one-fifth the national average. Please don't risk a fire, explosion, or day in court — leave fireworks to the professionals."

These are allegations. All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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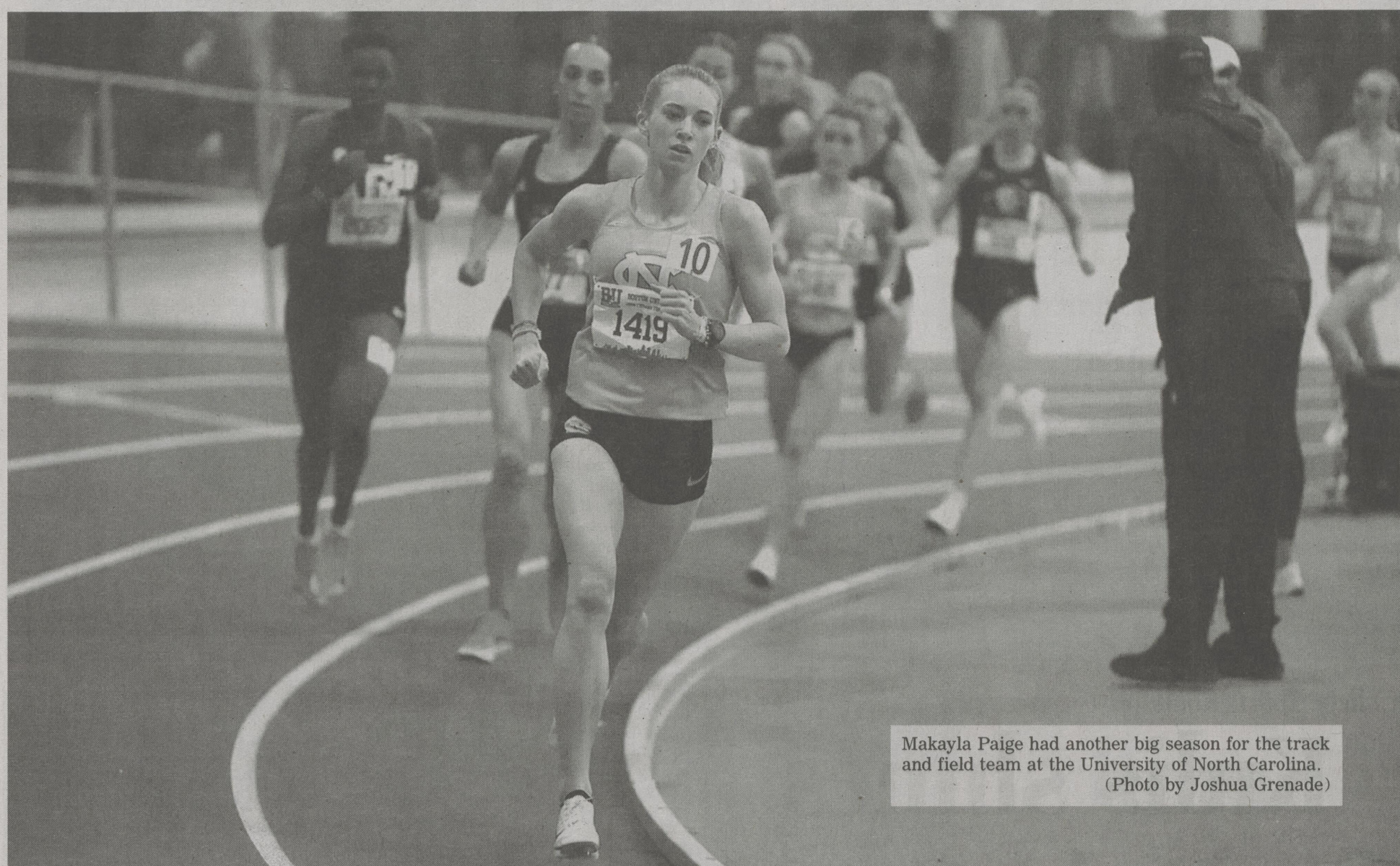
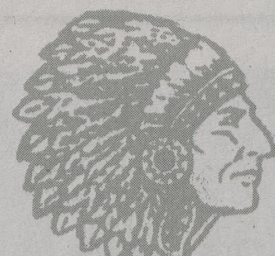


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Makayla Paige had another big season for the track and field team at the University of North Carolina. (Photo by Joshua Grenade)

College Sports Roundup:

Paige hasn't slowed down, exceling at North Carolina

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After an indoor season for the ages, former Tewksbury High track and field star Makayla Paige continued to raise the bar in the spring.

Earlier this month, the University of North Carolina senior claimed silver at the NCAA Championships with a blazing time of 1:58.97 in the 800. That mark was good for the fifth-best in NCAA history. Just this season alone, Paige has dropped her school record in the event a staggering four times.

Paige collected first-team All-America recogni-

tion this season. In the indoor campaign, Paige turned heads at the national championships with a first-place finish in the 800 to take gold.

At Merrimack College, junior Maci Chapman completed a memorable season for the Warriors. Highlighted by a first-place finish in the 3000-meter run (10:22.35) at the Crimson Open, the former Tewksbury High runner also placed 13th in the 5000-meter run at the MAAC Indoor Track and Field Championships in a personal-best time of 18:11.68.

Over in Lowell, Jayani Santos completed a successful season with the

River Hawks, capped off by a third-place finish in the 400 (55.94) at the MIT Final Qualifier last month.

The sophomore impressed at the America East Outdoor Track and Field Championship, placing second in the 200-meter dash (24.23). Earlier in the season, Santos won the event (24.41) at the Ken O'Brien Pre-Conference Meet.

BASEBALL

Tewksbury's Jack Menard (Tabor Academy) recently wrapped up a senior season at Saint Michael's. The left-handed pitcher made four appearances out of the bullpen this spring as the Purple Knights turned in an 8-29

season. Ahead of this season, Menard was a six-time recipient of the NE10 Academic Honor Roll.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Erin McIntyre was a key cog in Bridgewater State's best season since 2014 that yielded a trip to the MAS-CAC semifinals. In the 19-14 loss at Worcester State, McIntyre laced a goal and picked up two ground balls. This season, the senior recorded 41 goals and 16 points in 17 games to pace the Bears' offense.

Elsewhere, Ashley Talbot wrapped up her junior season at Rivier, starting in all 14 games as a midfielder. She collected three points and caused 14 turnovers as the Raiders finished the season with an 8-6 record.

Talbot attended Shawshen Tech.

SOFTBALL

A handful of former Tewksbury High standouts enjoyed successful seasons on the diamond.

At Bentley, freshman Becca Harris batted .288 with 30 hits, 13 RBI and six

◀ Erin McIntyre had a great season at Bridgewater State University. (Courtesy photo)



▲ Jack Menard played baseball at St. Michael's. (Courtesy photo)

doubles in her debut season in the collegiate ranks. The Falcons made an appearance in the NCAA tournament after a 26-21 season.

At Clark, Avery Della Piana appeared in 25 games as a freshman while hitting .297 at the plate. The catcher recorded 22 hits and 22 RBI.

Sophomore Sam Ryan was tabbed to the NE10 Second Team after a solid season in the circle for Saint Anselm. She recorded 14th wins, the second-most in the conference, and led the team in innings (127), WHIP (1.20) and ERA (2.54).

Samantha Perkins start-

ed 35 games for Gordon College this spring, hitting .260 with 27 hits, 20 RBI, four doubles and two home runs.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

On the track, UMass Lowell junior Derek Munroe, known for his gravitas in the decathlon, netted a second-place finish in the event at the America East Outdoor Championship last month.

Munroe totaled 6,801 points, ruling the discus for first place (37.82m) before placing second in the pole vault (4.30m) and javelin (50.58m). Munroe then slashed his personal record in the javelin at the MIT Final Qualifier, mustering a mark of 4.70m to place second. Munroe holds the school record in the decathlon (6,655 points), which he set last season.

At URI, Alex Arbogast turned in another solid season at the Division 1 level. Most recently, the sophomore sprinter placed fifth (21.25) in the 200 at the Princeton Elite Invitational. He also netted a fifth-place bid in the 100 (10.47) at the New England Championship.

Arbogast took third at the Atlantic 10 Outdoor Track and Field Championship in the 200, netting a time of 21.30 seconds as the Rams finished in second place overall.

◀ Becca Harris played softball at Bentley University.

(Photo courtesy of Bentley University Athletics)



Wilmington native Celia Kulis enjoyed a record-breaking season at Holy Cross this spring. (Courtesy photo)



College Sports Roundup:

Kulis shines for Holy Cross track and field

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Wilmington native Celia Kulis enjoyed a record-breaking season at Holy Cross this spring. She set two school records.

Competing at the NEICAAA Outdoor Championship last month at U Mass Amherst, the junior eclipsed the 100-meter hurdles school record (13.66) to take second place at the event.

And after another school record performance — Kulis broke her own school record in the heptathlon at the Patriot League Outdoor Championship by 353 points — she was named to the Second Team All-Patriot League team.

Kulis placed second, posting 5,006 points.

BASEBALL

Senior Tristan Ciampa made six appearances for UMass Boston (25-17) this spring, tossing 28.2 innings and recording a 3.45

ERA. Posting a 2-1 record, perhaps his best outing came in an eight-strikeout gem against Plymouth State, where he scattered five hits in 7.1 innings en route to the win. Ciampa held the opposition to a mere .214 batting average this season.

At Franklin Pierce, freshman Jacob Roque played in 19 games in his rookie campaign.

He hit .178, driving in five runs while stealing four bases. The Ravens finished the spring 35-22, advancing all the way to the NCAA Super Regional.

MEN'S LACROSSE

At Seton Hill, junior Gavin Erickson notched 31 points on 17 goals and 14 assists as the Griffins turned in an 18-2 season. Erickson tallied a helper in Seton Hill's 9-8 loss to Saint Anselm in the NCAA tournament after winning the G-MAC title.

In his freshman season at Franklin Pierce, Mi-

chael Lawler posted four goals and eight assists for 12 points. In a 13-8 win over American International on March 26, Lawler erupted for two goals and two assists.

Bobby Cyr scored a goal for Embry-Riddle in his rookie season, starting in all 16 games.

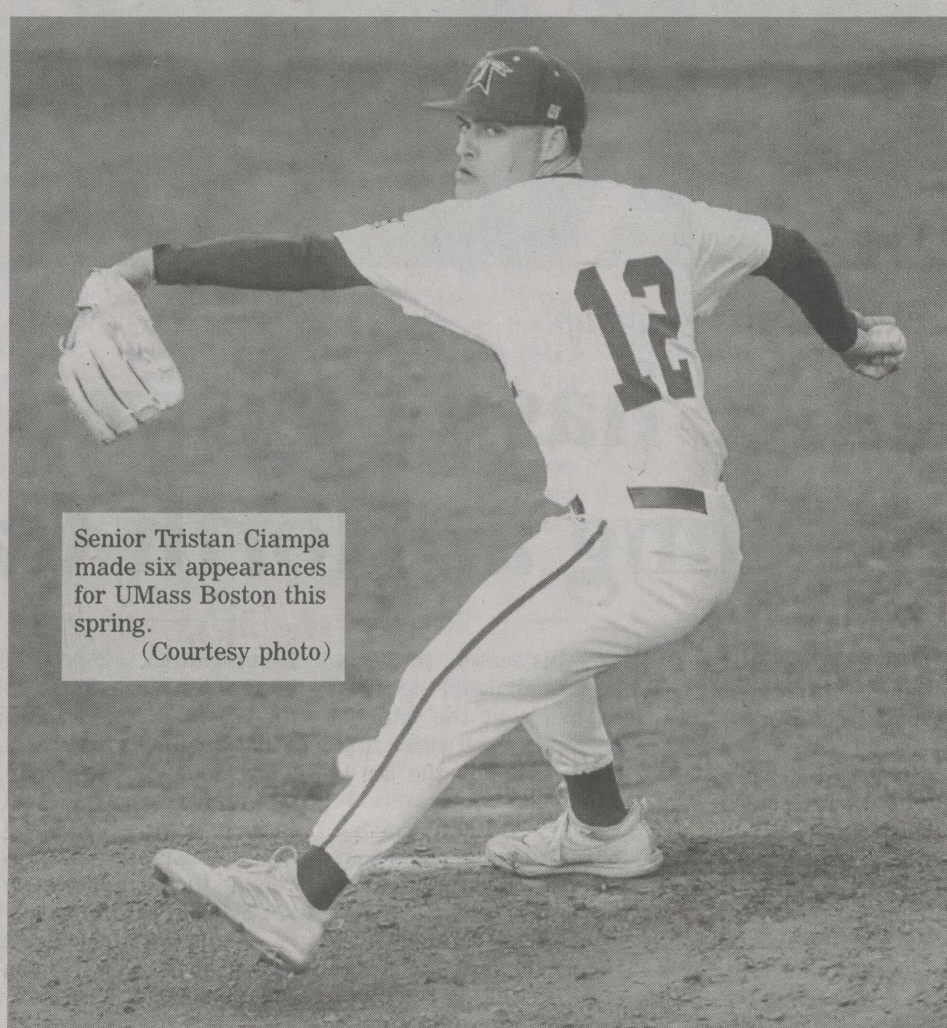
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Senior Shannon Murphy capped off a storied four-year career at Colorado Mesa University between the pipes.

In four seasons, she appeared in 54 games and made 312 saves while boasting a 31-19 record. She made 15 saves in four games this season and entered this spring ranked second in program history in goalie wins.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Senior Patrick O'Mahony competed in one outdoor meet for Bryant this season, posting a 4:24.89 in the 1,500m at the Black



Senior Tristan Ciampa made six appearances for UMass Boston this spring. (Courtesy photo)

and Gold Invitational. In the indoor season, he netted a personal best 4:30.32 in the mile at the America East Championships.

At Assumption, junior Colby Medeiros finished fourth in the 800 (1:55.22) at the Northeast-10 Conference Outdoor Championships last month. Assumption placed fourth as a team. At the Jack Maloney/Jim Barber Invitational, he netted a 1:55.08 in the event for first place.

WOMEN'S TRACK

AND FIELD

At Springfield, junior Madison Mulas placed fifth in the 100-meter dash (13.49) at the SC Outdoor Classic to have a hand in Springfield's team title at the event in April. At the NEWMAC Championships, Mulas played a role in a third-place finish in the 4x100-meter relay (49.52).

A pair of Wilmington runners made splashes at UVM. Junior Shea Cushing posted a fifth-place finish at the UMass Pre-Conference Meet in the 5000, while

junior Carmella Thompson came in third in discus at the George Davis Invitational.

At Stonehill, freshman Mollie Osgood placed sixth in the high jump (1.57m) to claim points for the Skyhawks at the Northeast Conference Outdoor Championships. At the Ken O'Brien Pre-Conference Meet, Osgood came in fifth (1.53m). She set her personal best outdoor score (1.58m) earlier in the season at the Merrimack College Alumni Classic.

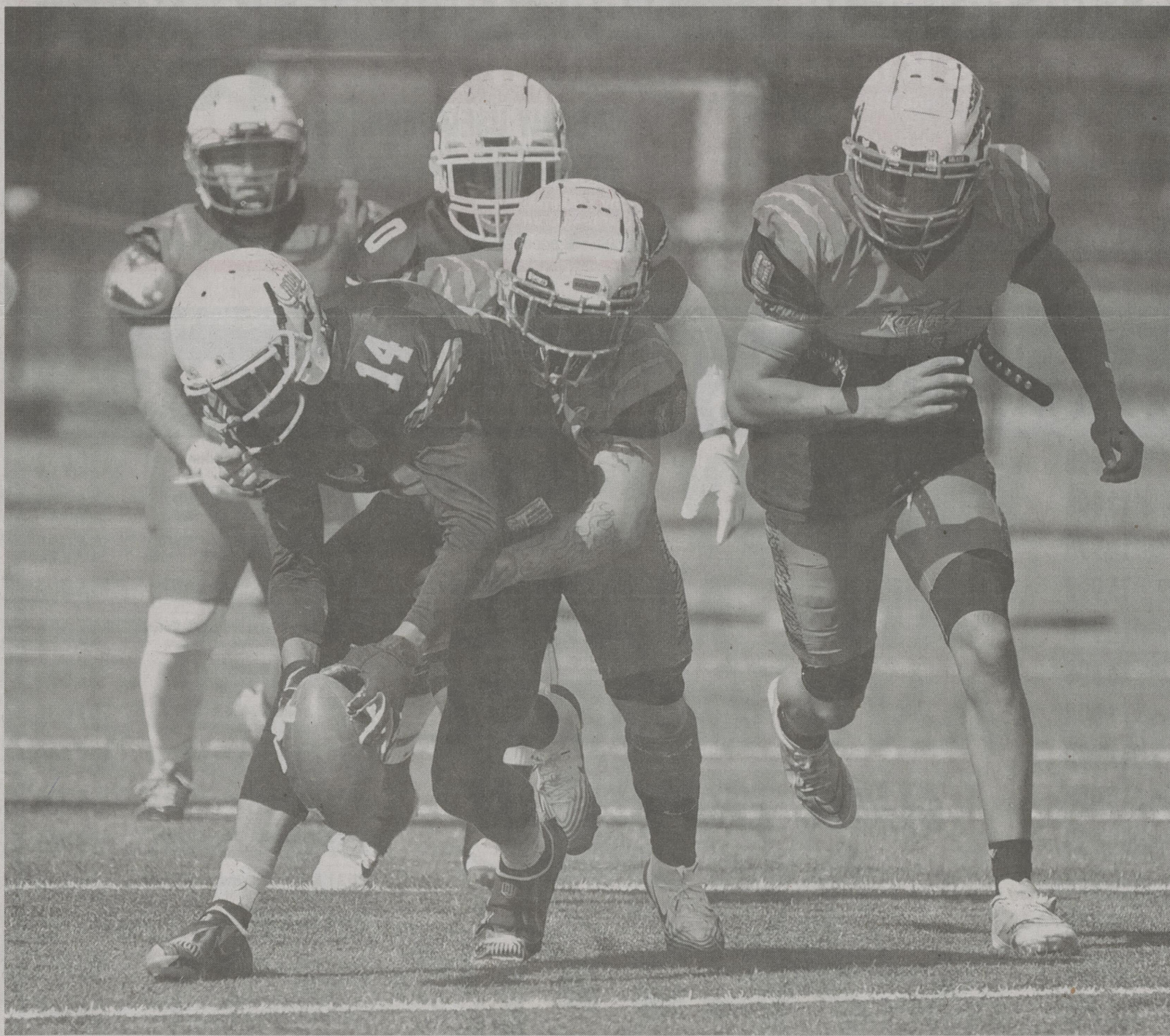
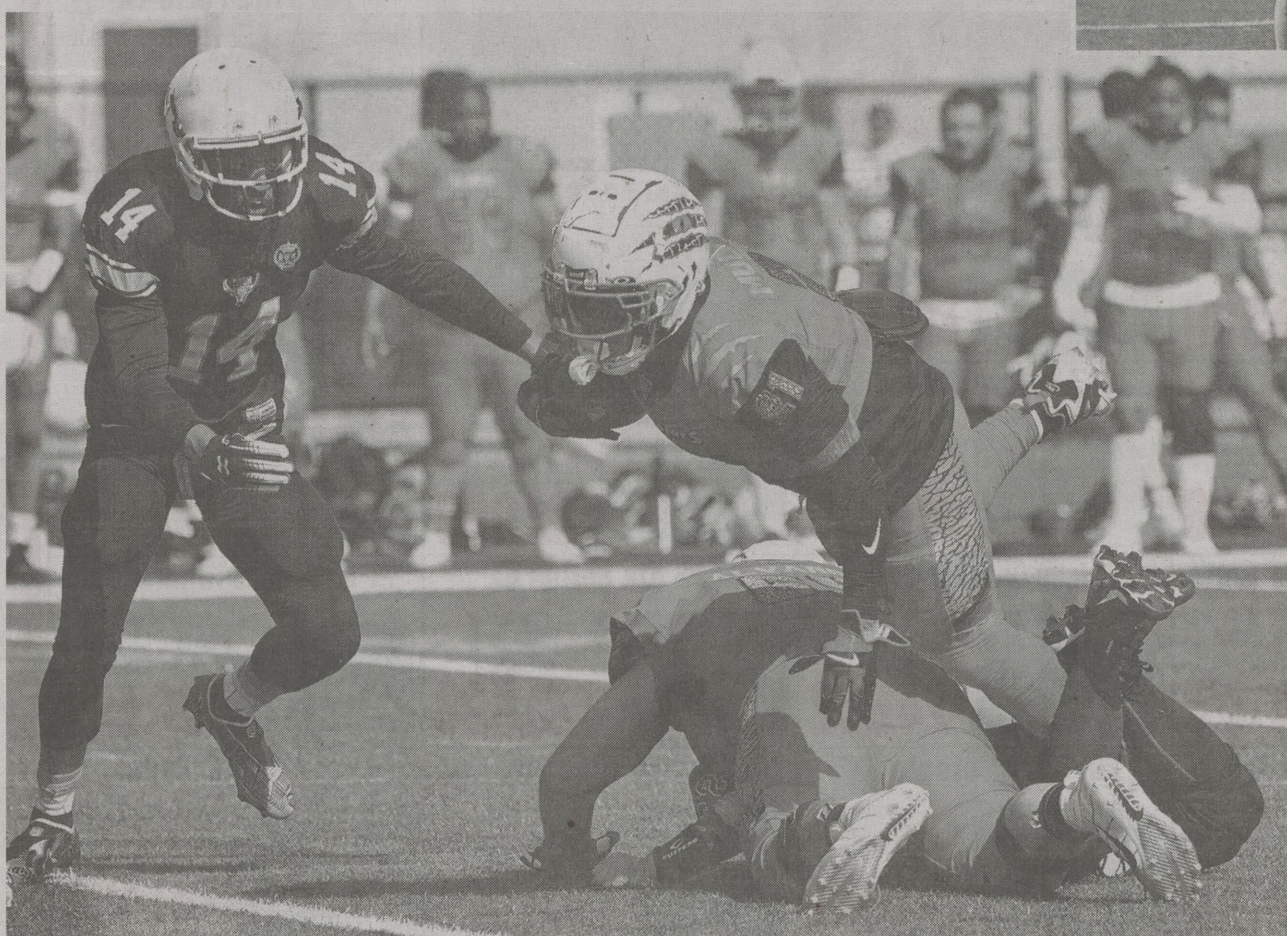


Senior Shannon Murphy capped off a storied four-year career at Colorado Mesa University. (Courtesy photo)



The Woburn-based Middlesex County Longhorns opened their 2025 season recently and played at home on Saturday. The Longhorns compete in the New England Football League (NEFL). (Photos by Joe Brown)

Longhorns drop home opener



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The Middlesex County Longhorns dipped to 0-2 on the season on Saturday, falling to the Rhode Island Raptors at Woburn High, 31-9.

Competing in the North Atlantic Conference of the New England Football League, the Longhorns dropped their debut game to the Windsor Flyers of Connecticut.

This Saturday, the Longhorns will be in Springfield to play the New England Black Panthers on the campus of American International College before playing three games in July.

On July 12, the Longhorns host the Haverhill Hitmen at 4 p.m.

On July 19 at 7 p.m., the Woburn-based team will be at Fitchburg to play the Mass Warriors.

July 26 will be a rematch with the Raptors on the road in Rhode Island.

The next Longhorn home game is Aug. 2 against the Warriors starting at 4 p.m.

Make it four in a row for Pirates

Indoor Football League team improves to 6-5 overall

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LOWELL, MA — Pirates quarterback Kenji Bahar was 14 of 18 passing for 156 yards and four touchdowns as Massachusetts defeated the Tulsa Oilers 58-37 at the Tsongas Center. The Pirates moved to 6-5 on the season and have now won four straight games. Tulsa drops to 7-5 with the loss.

The joyous night for the Pirates turned somber as Tulsa quarterback TJ Edwards suffered a serious leg injury and left the game on a stretcher with 1:17 to play in the game. Both teams joined the Oilers quarterback as he was taken from the field.

The game began with Edwards connecting with Cole Blackman on a seven-yard touchdown pass for the

only points of the quarter.

The Pirates did not find the end zone until 12:48 of the second quarter as they scored on a three-yard run by Pooka Williams Jr. The point after was no good, leaving the Pirates down by one. The Massachusetts defense then came up with a stop and embarked on a nine-play, 41-yard drive that ended with Bahar scoring on a one-yard shove, giving Massachusetts a 13-7 lead. That would be the first of five straight scoring drives by the Pirates.

The Edwards to Blackman combination worked again, this time with Edwards throwing a two-yard jump pass to his receiver for the second lead change of the night. The game stayed that way until there were five seconds left in the half as Bahar finished off a six-play 32-yard drive

that concluded with Teo Redding making his first touchdown grab of the game. Thomas Owens followed with a two-point conversion reception for a 21-14 halftime lead. It would be the third and final lead change of the game.

The Pirates' defense opened the second half by stopping Tulsa on four straight plays from deep in their own territory. Taking over on the Oilers' 11, it took just three plays to score as Bahar tossed an eight-yard pass to Williams. Leading 28-14, the Pirates forced a 50-yard field goal attempt by Rio Ramirez, which was not good: the very next play, Bahar connected with Redding on a 30-yard strike for six. Redding fought off the coverage from Kentrell Pierce, making a circus catch in the back of the end zone

for a 34-14 advantage.

Tulsa kept within striking distance as Edwards scored his only rushing touchdown of the game on a nine-yard run to cap a four-play 31-yard drive as the quarter ended 34-21, Pirates.

Massachusetts started the final quarter with Josh Gable kicking a 29-yard field goal for a 37-21 advantage. A 34-yard kickoff return by Sheldon Augustine gave the Oilers great field position at the Pirates' 11-yard line. The Massachusetts defense held on fourth and two at the four with defensive back Smoke Monday defending a pass and forcing a turnover on downs. The following play saw Behar going deep to Redding on a 47-yard scoring play and a 44-21 lead with 10:49 to play.

Edwards answered with an eight-yard touchdown

pass to Phazione McClurge, and Edwards even caught a two-point conversion pass from Hasan Rogers, but Bahar's second rushing touchdown of the night from five yards kept the Pirates out front, 51-29.

With 4:06 remaining, Edwards would throw his final touchdown pass of the game with a seven-yard pass to Blackman. McClurge added a two-point conversion catch as the scoreboard read 51-37, Pirates.

The Oilers tried an on-side kick, but Thomas Owens returned it 12 yards for a touchdown for the game's final points.

In addition to his four passing touchdowns, Bahar ran four times for five yards and two scores. His top target was Redding, who had five receptions for 100 yards and three touchdowns. Williams was the

game's leading rusher with 14 carries for 53 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Guy Thomas and Matt Elam each had six tackles. Thomas also had two tackles for a loss. Michael Mason also had two tackles for a loss for the winners.

Edwards threw four touchdowns in a losing effort as he was 17 of 29 passing for 161 yards. He also rushed eight times for 26 yards and a score. His top target was Blackman, who had five receptions for 39 yards and three touchdowns. Tre Harvey had six tackles for Tulsa, including a tackle for a loss.

The Pirates look to continue their winning ways vs. the Eastern Conference leading Quad City Steamwheelers on Saturday night in Moline, IL, with kickoff scheduled at 8:05 Eastern time.



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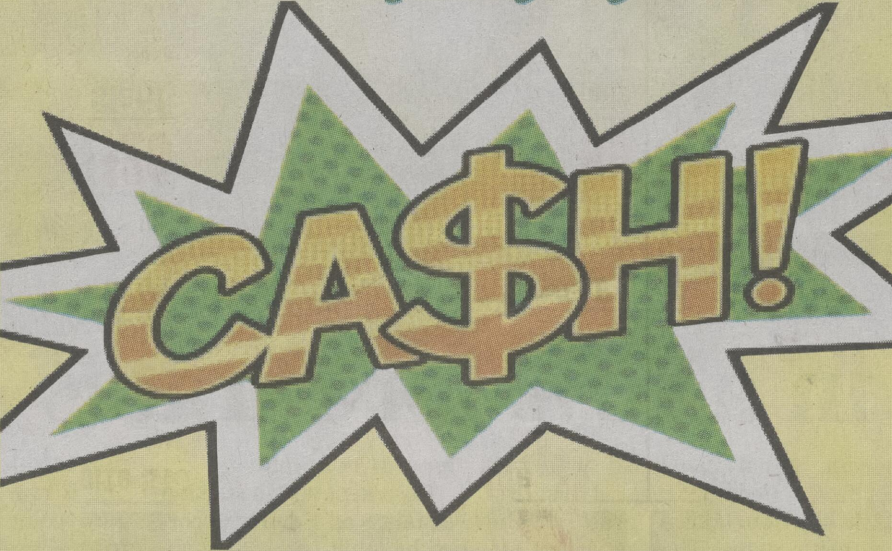
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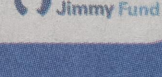
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OBITUARIES

Madeline Y. (Gagnon) Bimbo

Lunch lady in Wilmington Public Schools

Madeline Y. (Gagnon) Bimbo, age 90, a long-time Wilmington resident, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Madeline was born on June 9, 1935, in Wilmington; she was the dear daughter of the late Leon and Anna (Beauchesne) Gagnon. Madeline was one of 11 siblings that were raised in the family homestead on Lake Street in Wilmington; she attended Wilmington Schools where she made many friends throughout her early years.

In 1953, Madeline married her "sweetheart" James Bimbo; the couple moved to Somerville where they started their family and resided for about 16 years.

Madeline and Jim moved back to Wilmington in 1969 to be closer to family. Madeline and Jim were married for over 37 years, and they shared many wonderful times together with family and friends before his untimely passing in 1990.

Madeline was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and "MeeMee" to her grandchildren; throughout the years she enjoyed entertaining and having her family all around for holidays and special occasions. Madeline also looked forward to the time she spent with her grandchildren whom she adored.

Prior to retiring, Madeline worked for the Wilmington Public Schools in the kitchen; she was a favorite "lunch lady" who was always so generous and pleasant to the kids. Madeline made many wonderful friends with her co-workers, and they got together outside of work as often as they could. Madeline looked forward to their Friday lunches or breakfasts at As Good As It Gets with the ladies; they were a tight-knit group of friends for many years.

In her spare time, Made-

line stayed very active. She loved to go to bingo, she belonged to a bowling league, she loved to line dance, she was active at the Wilmington Senior Center, and she loved to head to a casino on occasion just to try her luck.

Madeline loved to travel where she could see new places and meet new people. She looked forward to traveling with the Wilmington Rec. Department on their many trips all over the country.

Madeline was a woman of great faith and an active parishioner at St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington for many years. Madeline never missed her weekly masses, and she enjoyed being a member of the Ladies Sodality where she would volunteer her time and talents whenever she could.

Madeline was a very Patriotic person, and she was a member of a Gold Star family having lost her brother Antonio during the Korean War. Madeline attended many veteran's events, and she never missed a Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Day event, or a cemetery service to honor the men and women of our armed forces.

Madeline will be fondly remembered as a beautiful lady inside and out; she had a kind word for everyone and always greeted them with a big, beautiful smile. Madeline was very thoughtful and would help anyone every chance she got. She loved her family and friends unconditionally and she will forever be missed by all who knew her.

Madeline was the beloved wife of the late James F. Bimbo, devoted mother of Mary Ann Villeneuve and her late husband Ronald of Tewksbury, Annette Karl and her husband Warren of Methuen, James A. Bimbo of Wilmington, and Lor-

phenomenal baker and would always come bearing her many wonderful treats.

As a young mother she was very active with her children with the PTO, cub scouts and as a CCD teacher. Even through her retirement Rose volunteered two days a week at the Wilmington Public Schools because of her love for children. She was affectionately known as "Mrs. Rose" by the students that she worked with.

Rose was a loving, gracious woman, who treasured family time. She will forever be remembered as being a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

She is the beloved wife of the late Nicholas J. "Nikki" Carrozza of 55 years.

The loving mother of David N. Carrozza and his wife, Elizabeth "Beth" of Stoneham, and Janet F. Engrem & her husband, Kevin D. of Wilmington. Cherished Nana of Stephen W. Carrozza and his wife, Amanda C. of Plaistow, NH, Lauren E. Carrozza of Stoneham, Nicole R. Healy and husband Andrew of Salem and Janelle T. Engrem and fiancé Kosta Biti of Wilmington.

She is the adored Great Nana of Nicholas R. and Jonathan D. Carrozza.

She is the dear sister of Mary Folsom and husband Leroy of East Boston, Josephine Miano and husband Richard of Wilmington, and the late Jerry Lanney and wife Esther, Alfred Lanney and wife Phyllis, Frank Lan-



raine Gervais and her husband Marc of South Berwick, ME.

Loving "MeeMee" of Marina Villeneuve, Josef Villeneuve, Michael Karl, Patrick Karl, Noelle Karl, Brett Gervais, Kyle Gervais, Jimmy Bimbo, and great-grandson Archie Millette.

Dear sister of Arthur Gagnon of Sun City, FL, Claire Sullivan of Lowell, the late Theresa English, Yvonne Love, Antonio Gagnon, George Gagnon, Paul Gagnon, Albert Gagnon, Willie Gagnon, and Bob Gagnon. Sister-in-law of Nancy Gagnon of New Hampshire, Cathy Gagnon of Tewksbury, and Nancy Gagnon of Arizona.

Madeline is further survived by many special nieces, nephews, and friends. Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, June 20 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington at 11 a.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Madeline's memory may be made to Local Heroes, Inc., P. O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887.

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ney and wife Elizabeth, and Michael Lanney and wife Lena.

She is the special Nannie of Bailey and Ralph Gates. Also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins.

Family & friends were invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, June 22, from 4 to 8 p.m., in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington. Her funeral was conducted from the Nichols Funeral Home on Monday, June 23 at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Thomas of Villanova Church presided by Reverend Charles Hughes, Wilmington at 10:30 a.m., followed by interment in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to Society of the Little Flower, 1313 N. Frontage RD., Darien, IL 60561 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences please visit us at www.nichols.com.

Priscilla (Burney) Thomas

Served in the US Navy as a WAVE

Priscilla (Burney) Thomas, 97, of Tewksbury and formerly Andover and Waterview Village in Carver, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in her daughter's home, with her daughter, Linda Sue Thomas, beside her.

Priscilla was the widow of the late Richard L. Thomas who passed away in 2014 after 59 years of marriage.

She was born on Jan. 1, 1928, in Scituate, and was a daughter of the late Carlton Burney and the late Alice (Litchfield) Burney. She was raised in Pepperell and graduated from Pepperell High School with the Class of 1945.

Priscilla attended night classes at Nashua Business College. From 1948-1952, she served in the Navy as a WAVE and was stationed in San Diego, CA.

Throughout her life, she had many places of employment. For many years, she worked at the Rockland Trust Company. She also worked as an insurance clerk, a legal secretary, a gift shop owner, a delicatessen co-owner, switchboard operator, and secretary at a greeting card company and at the American Lung Association.

After returning to Scituate in 1954, she was introduced by her brother to Richard Thomas. They married in February 1955. They owned many homes together and enjoyed remodeling and decorating

each one.

In Massachusetts, they lived in Scituate, Pembroke, Plympton, Halifax, West Wareham, Plymouth, and Carver. They spent a few years in Leesburg, FL during retirement.

After Richard's Alzheimer's diagnosis, he moved to Blaire House in Tewksbury, and Priscilla moved to an apartment in Andover. Since the summer of 2023, she lived at Heatherwood in Tewksbury.

Priscilla was an outgoing and friendly person who made new friends wherever she lived. She participated in activities at Waterview Village in Carver, at the Tewksbury Senior Center, as well as those at Heatherwood.

Priscilla enjoyed Scrabble, crossword puzzles, Words with Friends on her iPad, and regular card games with neighbors and friends. She loved crafts and in her younger days, was an avid knitter, crocheter, and rug hook maker.

She loved going to thrift stores, consignment shops, and yard sales, and was frequently complimented on her fashion sense.

Priscilla was a wonderful cook and baker; well into her 90s she baked muffins, Scotchie squares, and spinach lasagna for her daughter's family.

In addition to her daughter, Priscilla is survived by her son-in-law Chris Flaherty, and her two beloved grandchildren, Helen Flaherty and Jaxon Flaherty, all of Tewksbury. She is also survived by



her sister, Barbara Osborne of Norwell; and several nieces and nephews, including godson Michael Burney of Sandy Springs, GA.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, the late Carlton Burney, the late Donald Edward Burney, the late David Burney, and the late Elizabeth Burney.

A celebration of life is planned for Sunday, July 13 at 10 a.m. at Heatherwood at 1624 Main St. in Tewksbury in their activities room. At her request, private services will be held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery at Cape Cod in Bourne.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Arrangements by Tewksbury Funeral Home, 1 Dewey Street, Tewksbury, MA 978-851-2061.

Find us on Facebook or visit www.TewksburyFuneralHome.com to leave the family a message of condolence at any time.

Mass. Good Neighborhood Energy Fund

remains available to eligible households during summer

CANTON — As today is the start of summer, the sponsoring energy companies of the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund and its administrator, The Salvation Army, want to remind eligible families and individuals struggling financially that the Fund remains open and continues to be a resource long past the winter and spring months. Please visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center to receive assistance with the payment of a home energy expense.

To find the nearest Salvation Army location, please visit magoodneighbor.org.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is often the last resort for families who are in temporary financial difficulty and do not qualify for federal and state fuel assistance programs such as LIHEAP. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross income falls between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels.

For example, a household size of 4 would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$94,609 and \$126,144 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund dis-

bursement is \$400 per eligible household per heating season.

"Summer obviously brings with it warmer temperatures which means air conditioners and fans are being turned on. As a result, home energy bills are often higher than anticipated," said Justin Stearns, Chairperson of the 2025 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Manager of Credit & Collections for Unitil/Fitchburg Gas & Electric. "Available for eligible households who are struggling financially, the Fund can still be a source of relief throughout the summer months."

Stearns added that the easiest way to determine if a household qualifies is to visit the Fund's website at magoodneighbor.org.

The Fund's 40th annual "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign is a cooperative effort between the Fund's 18 sponsoring energy companies, the general public and the corporate community to raise \$500,000 and help an anticipated 1,500 households. The campaign relies on the generosity of individuals, families, local corporations and foundations for support and has raised more than \$25 million and assisted over 96,000 households since its inception in 1985.

Massachusetts residents and businesses that wish to donate to the Fund are encouraged to use the green Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills or scan the QR code found on the envelope. Some energy companies offer an 'add a dollar' program which allows customers to contribute on their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more. Anyone can also donate with a credit card or other payment options online at magoodneighbor.org. Donors can also simply mail a check payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund," c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-1408. Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs.

For more information about how to apply for the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 774, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413.

Visit magoodneighbor.org or #MAGoodNeighbor.

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TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI25C0478CA

In the matter of:
Taylor Ori Gilmer

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Taylor Ori Gilmer of Wilmington MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Taylor Ori Shushan-Gilmer

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/10/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 12, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION TO BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until July 16, 2025, at 10:00am where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

Forest Street Water Main
Rehabilitation Project

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30, §39M.

File original bid with the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887.

Mark each envelope: **"Forest Street Water Main Rehabilitation Project - Bid Opening July 16, 2025 at 10:00am"**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a BID BOND, CASH, or, CERTIFIED CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
TEWKSBURY MA 01876NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RE-
QUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: June 26, 2025

Name of Responsible Entity
(RE): Town of Tewksbury,
MassachusettsAddress: 999 Whipple Road,
Tewksbury, MA 01876Telephone Number of RE:
(978) 640-4440 ext. 256

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Tewksbury.

REQUEST FOR
RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 12, 2025, the Town of Tewksbury, MA will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) Program funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328) to undertake a project known as the "Livingston Street Transportation Improvement Project" located in the Livingston Street right-of-way between East Street and Roy Way in Tewksbury, MA for the purpose of creating and improving pedestrian, bicycle, tran-

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on **Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Brian Veloz, 3 Wakefield Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, applicant. The owners are as follows: Josh & Meghan Barrows, 20 Oxbow Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, Louis M. Costa, 515 Blue Jay Place, Sarasota, FL 34236, and Louis M. & Susanne L. Costa, Trustees, Louis M. Costa Family Trust, 515 Blue Jay Place, Sarasota, FL 34236. This filing is for the construction of a single-family dwelling, septic system, and associated sitework. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at Oxbow Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, and shown on Assessor's Map 57 Parcels 13 & 13B and Map 47 Parcel 32. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The Town of Wilmington
By: R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager
250663 6/26/25

sit, and vehicle facilities along Livingston Street, with a total estimated project cost of \$2,500,000 with funding as follows: \$850,000 (HUD CPF) and \$1,650,000 Massachusetts Chapter 90 and local funding.

FINDING OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Tewksbury has determined that the Proposed Project will have no significant impact on the human environment. To support this determination, an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) has been prepared. The EA and additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file online at <https://tewbksbury-ma.gov/928/Livingston-Street-Transportation-Improve> and in hardcopy at Town of Tewksbury Department of Public Works, located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876 and can be examined and copied weekdays 7:00 A.M to 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Tewksbury Department of Public Works. All comments received by July 11, 2025, will be considered by the Town of Tewksbury prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL
CERTIFICATION

The Town of Tewksbury certifies to HUD that John Curran, in his capacity as Certifying Officer,

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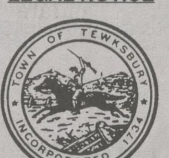
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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on **Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 6:55 p.m.** in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Paul Alunni, Town of Wilmington-Town Engineer, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, applicant, and Town of Wilmington, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner. This filing is for the repair of the existing 24" CMP culvert. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways and BVW, and Bank as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The project is located in the Ballardvale Street Right of Way over the Intermittent Stream, adjacent to 340 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 138, on **Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Select Board's Main Hall at the Town Hall, 1009 Main Street on the application of Tewksbury United Methodist Church d/b/a VFR Ministry, Inc. located at 2335 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA for a one-day Entertainment License consisting of television and live music for an indoor and outdoor community event to honor our civil servants in Tewksbury. There will be music for entertainment and indoor speakers for award recognition ceremony. This will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2025 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Input is welcomed from the public. The Select Board recommends that comments be submitted in writing to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Thursday, July 10, 2025. Mark Kratman, Chair
Select Board
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consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Tewksbury to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO
RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Tewksbury's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Tewksbury; (b) the Town of Tewksbury has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to HUD at cpdprofos@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Curran, Certifying Officer
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on **Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 6:50 p.m.**, in compliance with provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by David Doherty, 65 Forest Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. This filing is for a driveway and the removal of one (1) tree. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. The property is located at 65 Forest Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 7 Parcel 100D. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during normal business hours. Jean Marie Cole, Chair
Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination
of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **July 16, 2025 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street**, for an RDA application filed by Brendan Walsh for extension of existing driveway and associated paving work within 10' of wetland area and river.

The property subject to this application is located at **6 HILLSIDE RD TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 98-135.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewbksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on **Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed tree removal is at the request of a resident.

The address of the affected trees is 821 Main Street. The trees are located along Newton Avenue.

The trees requested to be re?? moved are:
(1) two-inch Maple
(1) two and a half-inch Maple
(1) three-inch Maple
(1) six-inch Maple
(1) multi-leader Maple with a dominant nine-inch leader

Objections can be made in writing at the time of the hearing or sent to the attention of the Tree Warden at the Tewksbury Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 prior to the hearing.

Kevin Hardiman, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Tree Warden
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Upcoming
local
events

June 26, Tewksbury Community Market, 4-7 p.m., Livingston Street Recreation Complex, www.tewbksburymarket.com Over 30 vendors, food trucks, farmers, crafts, games and more.

June 27, Free High school public health immersion program at Public Health Museum — FREE — 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Register publichealthmuseum.org

June 29, July 13, July 20, Aug. 3, Inclusive Track program with Best Buddies at TMHS. 1-2 p.m.

July 7, 14, 21, 28, Free tennis lessons, TMHS, 5 p.m. kids 10+ and 6 p.m. adults. TMHS coaches. Come down and brush up on your game!

September 13, Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay by April 2 - July 1 — \$90, July 2 through last minute walk-ins — \$95. Register and pay at: <https://my.chedarup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart> Questions? Steve Brander skbrander@gmail.com Reunion Organizers: Steve Brander / Vin Scifo / Helen Ryba

September 18, Strong

Hearts, Strong Minds, Strongwater Farm Gala, Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro. 5:30 p.m. <https://strongwaterfarm.org/gala/>

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnenden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

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FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P2970EA

Estate of:
Kathleen E. Pawelczyk
Date of Death: 01/05/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John Pawelczyk of Swansea MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: John Pawelczyk of Swansea MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/16/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

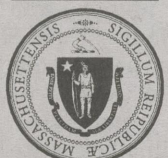
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Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P3062EA

Estate of:
Joan Alexandria Corsaro
Also known as:
Joan A. Corsaro

Date of Death: 05/10/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Winifred A. Polomoscank of Methuen MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Winifred A. Polomoscank of Methuen MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without

Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/07/2025.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 06, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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District required to update bullying plan every two years

CELL FROM PAGE 1

Erin Dunham reminded the committee that the district is required to review and update the plan every two years, which the Behavioral Task Force had taken on.

They made recommendations and minimal edits related to grammar and typos, eliminated historical information and added information about the new IEP. She also mentioned that they received a few comments about commu-

nication and staff training in the time the draft plan had been made available.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi wondered how well the policy works and if it had led to a reduction in bullying behavior. Dunham answered that she gleaned a decrease in bullying at the middle school so far, and she was excited and curious to understand why that is.

Mercaldi asked if there were any learnings from bullying incidents that would lead to changes to

the policy. Dunham suggested that learnings lead to things like staff training, alignment with PBIS initiatives, or adjustments to the bullying curriculum. She also mentioned that they use the YRBS survey results to see how to align current initiatives to support students better.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott then delivered an update about the summer enrichment program. She stated that they had 67 seats filled in the six courses deter-

mined to run, which matched enrollment from last year. They had 78 total students as last year's final total. Elliott highlighted that the tech programs and summer theater camp were big draws.

Turner commented on the theater camp which provides a leadership opportunity for high school students in leading alongside staff, and the title of the etiquette class which he thought could use reworking.

David Ragsdale added

the detail that 35 students were enrolled in the theater camp class and 19 high school students had volunteered to run it.

Becky Lord suggested that they centralize information on summer enrichment and athletic programs online.

Brand also brought information from the Cell Phone Working Group. He shared that they wanted to create a jumping off point to gather feedback and information from stakeholders, with the intention

of moving forward to finalize potential policy development. They would plan to call for volunteers and engage in a year-long process to do so.

Ragsdale commented that he thought the district should move toward a bell-to-bell cell phone policy. Turner added that he thought middle and high school needed different policies, and that direction could come from principals to start preparing students for potential changes.

SURVEY FROM PAGE 1

was impressed upon him was the need to gain community buy-in about trying to be more inclusive and why they want to do that in this survey. He said he could understand the concern that the survey was created by a third party and by definition seemed out of the blue. He also mentioned the importance of strengthening the opt-out process and being clearer in future communications about the survey.

Brown highlighted a project created by a senior student through the civics project: a program through which the district could link the new opt-out language for parents and guardians about the YRBS survey. Brown said that the health coordinator

Committee discusses letting students opt-out of survey

would collect all the opt outs and restated that they never had any issues but they were solidifying the process further.

She added that they talked about making the survey opt-in, but they wanted to align with other state tests that are also opt-out.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi suggested that they share the positive outcomes of this survey from the past to alleviate concern about the survey being intrusive. He cautioned that if they don't explain more, they may lose community trust and see more students opt out.

Dunham named some of their programs and initiatives that came out of the results of the YRBS survey such as anti-vaping and

signs of suicide programs. She also identified that previous surveys showed that a population of students in Wilmington in the LGBTQIA+ community weren't feeling included, which allowed them to focus on creating support and resources.

Brown mentioned that they may not always need to create a new program depending on the survey results but just have health teachers focus on a particular topic.

Mercaldi pointed out the language in the 2023 sexual health section of the survey which talked about things like contraceptives and which he otherwise said still had a lot of detail about sexual intercourse.

Brown replied that the detail is intended to help students provide more accurate information in their answers.

Becky Lord wondered if the fall was soon enough for this current year's 6th graders to be taught the related curriculum in health class that lines up with the questions of the survey. Brown answered that students have been taught about sexual intercourse by grade six, and that to push the survey off further would exclude Wilmington from the next set of results.

Dunham also added that the survey is created knowing that some questions involve topics into which students are given no expo-

sure at school.

Lord then asked if 6th graders could opt-out of the sexual behavior section, and Dunham answered that the student would have to skip by question.

Dr. Jenn Bryson also commented that the inclusion of more families in the wellness committee and making the survey and its benefits more visible would keep up participation.

Chair Jesse Fennelly suggested that they post the survey on the website and share it with families by the end of this school year so they can see the language in advance.

Brand went on to say that the district believes the survey is valuable and

appropriate, but they wanted the consensus of the committee to move forward per the recommendation.

The only remaining concern from the committee was giving it to next year's 7th graders when in sixth grade they would have taken a different version. Fennelly proposed that they could give the 6th grade version to the 6th and 7th graders in the fall.

Bryson said she wanted to see the wellness committee discuss this suggestion further.

The discussion in this regard then concluded. Brown shared that she would discuss dates for delivery with WMS Principal Brian Cairra.

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tee would have a lot to teach them. While he said MASC and NESDEC would be good, he preferred the MASC team and their proposed services.

Nicholas Golden shared that he did enjoy HYA's perspective on New England and that they would bring a fresh set of eyes. However, he found their cost to be too high. For that reason, he preferred MASC for their holistic package of benefits and familiarity with the committee.

David Ragsdale commented that HYA couldn't offer what he felt that they needed, and for that rea-

son he didn't see the firm as a good fit. He suggested that the committee's familiarity with MASC had some plus and some minus. He also said that NESDEC may be more focused on executive search.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi shared that his favorite proposal was from HYA, especially their emphases on active recruitment. He said that the other two firms seemed to do more passive recruiting, which may lead to only applications from candidates currently disgruntled or on the outs in their current roles.

He added that he'd pre-

fer HYA if cost was no issue, and then he preferred NESDEC to be a dedicated search firm over MASC.

Turner maintained that he would only prefer HYA if their proposal cost significantly less than the others. He pointed out that the search firm not knowing the law could lead to issues.

"It frankly stunned me that [the consultant] didn't know that we wouldn't all be in the screening committee," he continued.

However, he agreed that HYA's focus on active recruiting was impressive.

Committee concerned about cost of HYA

He suggested that they could negotiate with HYA for a lower cost, though it would be aggressive.

Becky Lord shared a similar concern about using a firm who had never completed a superintendent search in Massachusetts before. She suggested that their primary pool for candidates might be more local, and she wanted their selected firm to know Massachusetts candidates.

Brand added that any firm would have to look into the status of candidates and where they're at in the licensure process before they're brought to the screening committee. Ragsdale said that super-

intendents can pursue licensure during the job, and not having a license wasn't necessarily an impediment.

Ragsdale also added that active recruitment would benefit their search less than it would other districts. He questioned whether they would convince candidates from across the country willing to move to Massachusetts.

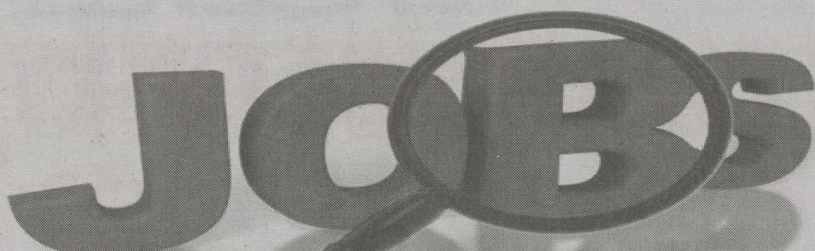
Fennelly shared his opinion that he saw the strengths and benefits of each firm, but he especially wrestled with the cost of HYA. He said he would be happy to use NESDEC but he preferred MASC due to their familiarity.

Bryson stressed that the

consultant needed to have training on open meeting law. She said she didn't feel active recruiting would really be necessary. She suggested that she herself was torn between MASC and NESDEC, but MASC seemed to be the preference of the committee as a whole.

They, therefore, made a motion to extend an offer to MASC to lead the superintendent search and voted unanimously in favor.

Brand lastly delivered an update that a lot of activity was taking place regarding the district's searches for middle school assistant principal, coordinator of behavioral health, and director of administration and finance. However, he had no finalists to announce that night.



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here in Wilmington."

In public comment, former School Committee member M.J. Byrnes shared congratulations for Brand on his newest adventure. She thanked him for rebuilding trust lost in the district and growing the committee to a place of camaraderie.

"I couldn't articulate my appreciation for your work, drive and leadership eloquently enough," she said.

She attested to the committee being stronger because of his collaboration and leadership.

Scott Neville commented on behalf of Parent and Guardian Advocates for Wilmington Schools (PAWS) thanking Brand for his years of service and willingness to collaborate. Neville said that Brand was enthusiastic, willing to hear ideas, and a quick and thoughtful responder.

At the end of the meeting, each committee member shared comments and congratulations for Brand. Nicholas Golden said that future Wilmington superintendents would have a lot to live up to.

"You've done a great job combining public service with vision," he said.

He wished Brand good luck in his next role.

Stephen Turner said he appreciated that all topics with Brand came back to education. He noted how Brand led programming and space discussions at the Roman House. He highlighted Brand's leadership and his ability to build a good team and lead the district through COVID with consistency.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi recalled "turmoil" in the district which Brand helped to stabilize as he stepped into the role of superintendent. He said Brand brought the district to its high-functioning level, and that the way he was leaving would make it easier for the committee to find someone just as good to replace him.

Ragsdale shared that Brand led the district with positivity and equanimity, keeping them moving forward. He appreciated the leadership team Brand assembled throughout the district who could now follow his way. He also said that Brand found his true calling as superintendent as he loves leading districts toward better outcomes.

Becky Lord said that while he hadn't worked with Brand for long, she felt students would continue to reap the benefits of his time in Wilmington.

Dr. Jenn Bryson called Brand a "superhero." She said they were lucky and grateful to have been able to work with him and shared some tips that the committee members wrote for his future committee members such as "beware of Canadianisms" and "concise is not in his vocabulary."

Fennelly shared that he deeply appreciated everything Brand had done and he was going to miss him.

Brand responded by saying that the committee members make his work doable and rewarding. He said he'd learned so much about Wilmington in the past seven years and had a great experience working with them all.

Wilmington residents attend Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America convention

WILMINGTON — Several members of the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge of Wilmington, Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), attended the 111th annual convention in Springfield at the Sheraton Monarch Place Hotel from June 19-22, 2025.

The OSDIA is the largest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States. Founded in 1905 as a mutual aid society for early Italian immigrants, today OSDIA has thousands of family members located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, making it the leading service and advocacy organization for the nation's estimated 26 million people of Italian descent.

The Order's missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and



▲ Delegates who attended the 111th Convention from Wilmington are (l-r): National Second Vice President Kevin Caira, Cheryl Caira, Betty Sandquist, Alicia Johnson, Lynne Martell, Joe Martell, and Julie Sbraccia-Manos. (Courtesy photo)

promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy.

The Wilmington Lodge, officially known as the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge, after Pope John XXIII, is one of the premier fraternal and charitable organizations in the state, having donated generously to statewide groups such as Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia, and the Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism.

The Town of Wilmington has been the biggest beneficiary of this local lodge's charitable donations. Notable contributions include, but are not limited to: scholarships, uniforms for all varsity high school teams, North Intermediate and Woburn Street School playgrounds, jackets and parade uniforms for WHS marching band, handicapped-accessible van and a BINGO board for the senior center, town common's Welcome to Wilmington sign, the repair of the town gazebo and the Pavilion at Yentile Recreational Facility.

The Wilmington Lodge meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Methodist Church and welcomes new members, who need not be of Italian descent.

For further information, contact President John Romano at 978-988-8045.

WPS to restrict public access to school grounds during school hours

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Public Schools (WPS) is implementing a new safety protocol that will restrict public access to school grounds during school hours, effective at the start of the 2025-2026 academic year. This measure, supported by the Wilmington School Committee, town manager, and chief of police, is part of a district-wide effort to strengthen student safety and enhance the learning environment.

Currently, WPS campuses, including fields, playgrounds, and surrounding school grounds, remain open to the public throughout

the school day. This open access has raised several concerns, including unmonitored visitors, interruptions to instructional activities, and safety risks such as the presence of pets during school hours.

Key details of the new protocol:

- **Restricted hours:** All WPS school campuses will be closed to the public from approximately 30 minutes before the start of the school day until approximately 30 minutes after dismissal on days when school is in session.

- **Scope:** The restriction applies to all school grounds, including athletic fields,

playgrounds and outdoor spaces adjacent to school buildings.

- **Implementation date:** The procedure will go into effect at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

"This change is a proactive step toward maintaining safe, respectful, and inclusive environments for all our students and staff," said the Wilmington Public Schools Central Administration in a message to families and community members. "By limiting public access during the school day, we aim to minimize disruptions, reduce supervision challenges, and ensure our campuses are

used primarily for educational purposes during learning hours."

To support the transition, clear signage will be posted at all school locations outlining the restricted access times. The district is also coordinating with town leadership to ensure that the broader community is fully informed of the new protocol and its importance.

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